

Discussion on Public Education in Hawaii

Join us at <u>Abercrombie for Governor</u> headquarters (Ward Warehouse, 2nd Floor, next door to Kincaid's) on Monday, May 3, 2010, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for a discussion about Public Education in Hawaii. Attendance is free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

High quality education for all must be our first priority because it makes every other social and economic goal we desire for Hawaii possible. Our students are not performing well enough by national measures, which are themselves poor compared to other countries. Yet there are many successes in our schools that are not being recognized or replicated. Instead, students and parents have been marginalized and educators have been criticized and demoralized while no one is able or willing to take responsibility for our education system; no one is held accountable.

Three experts from the field will join Neil Abercrombie in a panel discussion on this important issue: *If we could do anything to make Hawaii public education the best in the world what should we do? What is our role in making it happen?* Attendees are encouraged to ask questions and join the discussion.

Andrew Aoki, Deputy Campaign Manager, will moderate. In addition to Neil Abercrombie, the panelists will be:

- Ann Davis, <u>Hawaii Education Matters</u>
- Maya Soetoro-Ng, Author & Education Specialist, East-West Center
- o John Sosa, Principal, Kaiser High School

Please RSVP to Josh Levinson at josh@neilabercrombie.com or call 589-2237.

The event will be live-streamed on the web at <u>http://www.neilabercrombie.com/</u> <u>index.php/live/</u>. Those watching online will be able to submit questions for the panelists.