



Teacher / Educator Reflection Questions

Aloha, These questions are designed to assist you in developing your Action Plan(s) as part of your participation in the Ceeds of Peace Workshop series. Your answers will not be judged or shared. Rather, they are for your own reflection. Please think about your daily exchanges with the children/youth you instruct, and answer honestly. It is OK to have areas that are difficult or challenging – these will guide the creation of your Action Plan(s). Please bring questions and answers with you to the workshop for your own reference. Mahalo!

1. How have you developed community or a culture of safety and trust in your classroom?

2. How do you build culturally responsive learning opportunities in your classroom and school, while weaving in national and state standards?

3. How do you build opportunities for place-based education and bridge-building between school and community, while weaving in national and state standards?

4. How do you make room for inquiry, reflection, and critical thinking, while weaving in national and state standards? Are there opportunities to question or challenge received truths in the curriculum or in current events?

5. In what ways is your classroom/school committed to the education of the whole child and concerned with their overall well-being and care?

6. Where do you see efforts to build empathy and compassion through the curriculum?

7. Are there opportunities to nourish careful listening? Are students' voices heard? Does your school promote dialogue and discussion of complex and controversial topics?

8. Are there opportunities for communication and cross-cultural understanding, both at the local and global levels?

9. Are there opportunities for anger management and the practicing of calm reactions in the face of frustration or conflict? How is anger or conflict transformed into productive problem solving?

10. Are there opportunities to practice creative problem solving and civic engagement with real-world as well as in-school matters?