

**RIASC's 2018 Annual Meeting
 Keeping Schools Safe**

April, 2018

Save the date for our **Annual Meeting** on **May 5** at the Crowne Plaza. This year we will focus on keeping our school's safe. Captain Derek Borek of the Rhode Island State Police will address the elements of school safety plans.

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Lessons from Sandy Hook will be addressed by Patrice McCarthy of CABE. She will apprise attendees of the policies that emerged in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook school shooting.

In addition, our luncheon program includes:

- *Howard Kay Award presentation to an outstanding school committee member*
- *Professional Development recognition*
- *Networking with your colleagues from around the State*

Finally, David Caruso, of Strategic Security Group, will be discussing options for strengthening school security.

Attendees will receive professional development credit towards RIASC's Leadership Academy and their six hour requirement. Watch your email for our registration brochure.

Visit RIASC's Website

Visit our website at www.ri-asc.org

The site features training videos from School Committee 101 and our 2017 Annual Meeting.

**RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 Plan to achieve your 6 hours for 2018**

According to State law, Rhode Island school committee members must engage in six hours of professional development every calendar year.

Did you know RIASC offered over 65 hours of professional development opportunities in 2017 and, overall, members have accrued over 10,000 professional development hours?

**RIASC'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
 Why Stop at Six Hours?**

In 2004 The Rhode Island Association of School Committees created the Leadership Academy, a voluntary professional development program for school committee members. After completing 15 hours of RIASC professional development, graduates receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education at our Annual Meeting.

ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

RIASC hosts the Collective Bargaining Electronic Resource, that includes teacher contract language for all school districts.

The site is located at <http://ntlong.com/cber/> We encourage you to visit the site and to also encourage your district to submit their latest contract to RIASC.

We count on the districts to supply their latest contracts so that we can provide you with the most current information for your teacher contract negotiations.

(We need teacher contracts from the following districts: Bristol/Warren, Burrillville, Central Falls, Chariho, Coventry, Cranston, East Greenwich, East Providence, Foster/Glocester, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, Little Compton, New Shoreham, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, So. Kingstown, Warwick, Westerly, W. Warwick)

RIASC'S FUNDING FORMULA SESSION



On Saturday, March 17, RIASC held a session on Rhode Island's education funding formula. RIDE staff presented on planning for the end of the formula transition. Attendees learned about the factors that impact funding, formula calculation, how Rhode Island compares with other states, and details of the projected transition schedule. Attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns at this session.

EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDITS

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT EXTERNAL CREDITS! The RIASC Board met and approved a policy for its members allowing them to gain credit hours for attending external training sessions. External training sessions are sessions that have relevance to your role as a school committee member but are not sponsored by RIASC. In order to qualify for external credit, a *Request for Approval* form must be completed and submitted to jspremulli@ri-asc.org or faxed to 272-9834.

The form can also be obtained by visiting our website at www.ri-asc.org and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

The AG's Open Meeting Summits and the Healthy Kids breakfast, along with NSBA's Annual Meeting are just some of the External Training sessions you may attend for credit.

Calling all recent Grads!

Graduates—plan to attend RIASC's 2018 Annual Meeting on May 5 and you will receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education.

- Nicholas Hemond
- Lorraine Lalli
- Elaine Pavao
- Jana Porter
- Mark Santow

Graduates be sure to register if you plan to attend.

**2018 HOWARD KAY AWARD
 DEADLINE APPROACHING**

RIASC is seeking nominations for a school committee member who has demonstrated leadership as an advocate for public education.

- ELIGIBILITY**
- Any committee member who has served at any time from May 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018 is eligible to be nominated. This includes members retired after May 1, 2017, and
 - has attended two or more RIASC functions from May 1, 2017—April 1, 2018, and
 - serves on a school committee that is a RIASC member.

Please submit a brief written statement about the nominee explaining his or her attributes as a school committee leader.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 16, 2018.

Mail nominations to:
 Timothy Duffy, RIASC
 PO Box 7791
 Warwick, RI 02887
 Fax to: 272-9834
 Or email to: jspremulli@ri-asc.org

The Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on May 5, 2018.

RIASC HAS RELOCATED!

Reminder — RIASC offices have moved to 2480 Post Road in Warwick. We are located on the New England Institute of Technology's Post Road campus.

Our phone number remains the same and our new mailing address is:

PO Box 7791
 Warwick, RI 02887
 (401) 272-9811, Ext. 1

**nsba
 SAN ANTONIO
 April 7-9, 2018**

If you will be attending the NSBA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas on April 7-April 9, 2018, please submit your hours to me as RIASC grants professional development credits to RIASC members who attend.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
 OPEN GOVERNMENT SUMMIT**

SAVE THE DATE!

Attorney General's Open Government Summit
 July 27, 2018
 Roger Williams University

The Attorney General's office will be taking registrations and releasing further details in the summer.

RIASC members will receive credit for attending.

**BUYBOARD PURCHASING
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