

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

Fall, 2017

At a recent meeting of RIASC’s Executive Committee, President John Saviano inquired how districts share their “good news” stories. Members’ responses varied. Some reported that they have hired communication professionals, others made it part of their superintendent’s evaluation, and others incorporate the item into their school committee meeting agenda.

President Saviano asked everyone to think about how they can further enhance their district’s efforts in communicating the good things happening in their schools and he encouraged them to submit their stories to NSBA for potential publication in the American School Board Journal, as part of their *Stand Up 4 Public Schools* initiative. NSBA’s *Stand Up 4 Public Schools* campaign aims at highlighting the good things happening in public education and provides “a platform to recognize the extraordinary teaching and learning in our schools.”

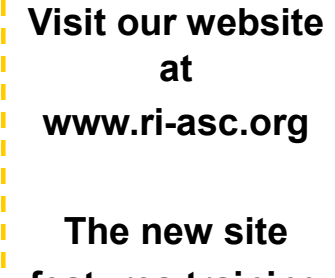
We encourage you to share your district’s good news with your local constituency and also with NSBA at <http://standup4publicschools.org/>

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Visit our website at

www.ri-asc.org

The new site features training videos from

School

Committee 101

and our 2017

Annual Meeting.

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

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

Did you know RIASC has offered over 60 hours of professional development opportunities to members so far this year and, overall, members have accrued over 9,000 professional development hours?

For those of you who attended the AG’s Open Meeting Summit and the Healthy Kids breakfast, your hours have been credited to you.

RIASC’S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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.

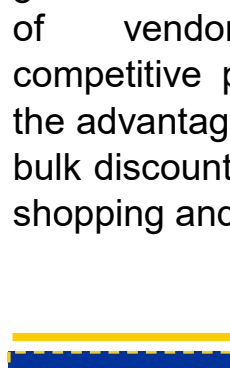
We count on the districts to supply their latest contracts so that we can provide you with the most current information for your teacher contract negotiations.

The site is located at

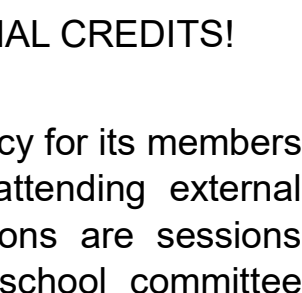
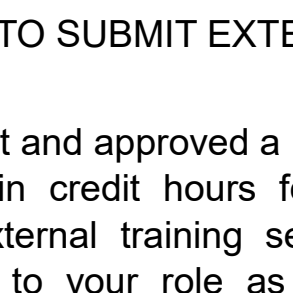
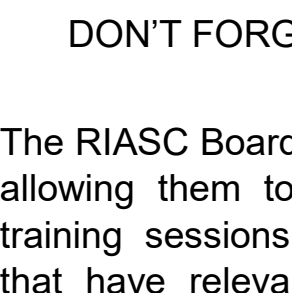
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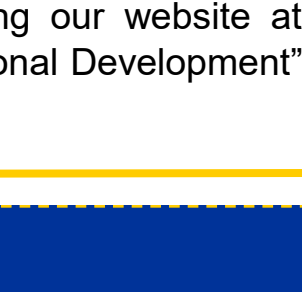
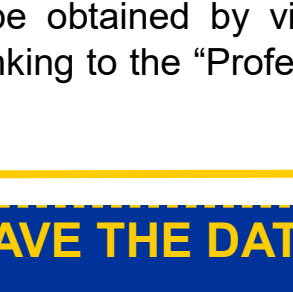
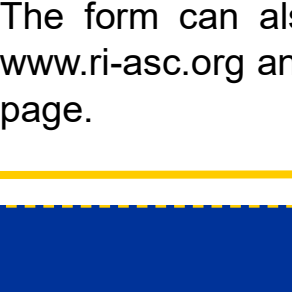
SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRS RECEIVE UPDATE ON ESSA at RIASC CHAIR MEETING



RIASC recently hosted a school committee chair meeting that included an overview by RIDE’S Maryann Snider on Rhode Island’s ESSA plan. District accountability, support for educators, student support, and school improvement strategies were highlighted.



RIASC holds school committee chair meetings on a quarterly basis. If a chair cannot attend, he/she can send a designee.



BUYBOARD PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE



The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is a national online purchasing cooperative formed between the National School Boards Association and several state school boards associations to streamline the buying process for schools, municipalities and other public entities.

Developed to comply with state laws which require government entities to make purchases from an approved list of vendors who have gone through a competitive procurement process, BuyBoard gives districts the advantage of leveraging the cooperative’s ability to obtain bulk discounts, combined with the ease of online, web-based shopping and ordering. Save time and money with BuyBoard.

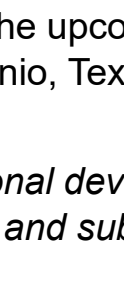
EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDITS

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 fax 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.

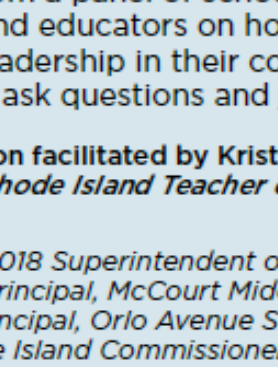
SAVE THE DATE!



RIASC’s 2018 Annual Meeting
Saturday May 5, 2018
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI

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

KEY WORK OF SCHOOL BOARDS



NSBA has identified the core skills that effective boards need to ensure that all students achieve at high levels. Together these skills form a framework for effective school governance. This is called the Key Work of School Boards.

“With these skills, boards can guide their vision to fruition by exploring, questioning, assessing, and working with others to improve outcomes for today’s students as well as America’s next generation.”

NSBA has recently revised the Key Work of School Boards and RIASC held a Key Work session during School Committee 101 last fall.

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:

RIASC
 PO Box 7791
 Warwick, RI 02887

Registration is open for the upcoming NSBA Annual Meeting being held in San Antonio, Texas on April 7-April 9, 2018

RIASC grants professional development credits to RIASC members who attend and submit their list of sessions.

SURVEYWORKS FORUM!
SHARED LEADERSHIP
A Panel Discussion

Monday, November 6, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Narragansett High School, 245 S. Pier Road, Narragansett

Come hear from a panel of school administrators, business leaders, and educators on how they are supporting shared leadership in their communities - come prepared to ask questions and join the conversation.

Conversation facilitated by Kristin Hayes-Leite,
2018 Rhode Island Teacher of the Year

Speakers:

- **Karen Tarasevich**, 2018 Superintendent of the Year, West Warwick
- **Jason Masterson**, Principal, McCourt Middle School, Cumberland
- **Yanaiza Gallant**, Principal, Orlo Avenue School, East Providence
- **Ken Wagner**, Rhode Island Commissioner of Education
- **Dr. Robert Hughes**, National Institute for School Leadership

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