

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

February 2019

RIASC has planned the following professional development opportunities for members:

Saturday, February 23, 2019
 Collective Bargaining for the Public Sector—8:30 Registration; Session 9:00 AM to Noon, Providence Marriott, Orms Street.

Saturday, April 6, 2019
 Legislative Workshop—8:30 AM Registration; Session 9:00 AM to Noon, Providence Marriott, Orms Street.

Saturday, April 27, 2019
 RIASC's Annual Meeting—Providence Marriott, Orms Street.

(Leadership Academy graduates will be honored at the Annual Meeting)

Watch your email for registration and further details.

Attendees will receive professional development credits toward their six-hour requirement and RIASC's Leadership Academy.

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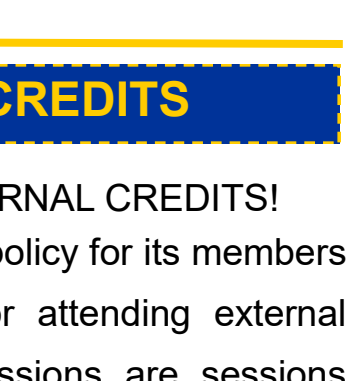


RIASC's 2019 Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

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Saturday
April 27, 2019
Providence
Marriott
Orms Street



RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
 Plan to achieve your 6 hours for 2019

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 2018 and, overall, members have accrued over 11,000 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.

EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDITS

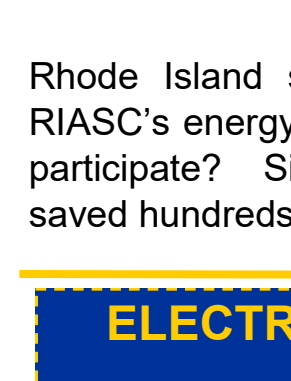
DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT EXTERNAL CREDITS!
 The RIASC Board met and approved a policy for its members allowing them to gain credit hours for attending external training sessions. External training sessions are sessions that have relevance to your role as a school committee member but are not sponsored 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, Healthy Kids breakfast, School Safety Conference, along with NSBA's Annual Meeting and webinars are just some of the external training sessions you may attend for credit.

RIASC's School Committee Chair Meeting

On Wednesday, February 6, 2019, school committee chairs, City and Town officials and Executive Committee members attended RIASC's chair meeting.



The guest speaker was James Kadamus, national education consultant and former Deputy Commissioner of Education in New York. Perhaps you have seen his editorials of late in the *Providence Journal*.

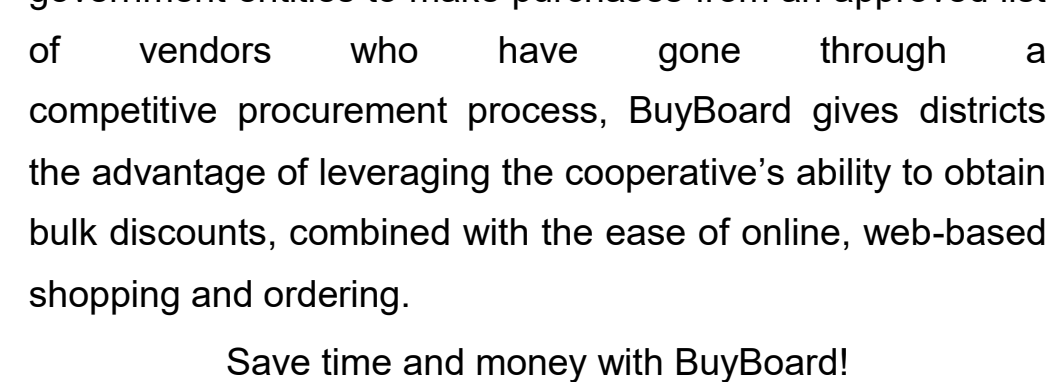
Mr. Kadamus has been researching Rhode Island education through interviews and reviewing data and presented his recommendations on returning to the basics to reform education. He spoke on the following five "fundamental elements" of education that Rhode Island should implement:

- High expectations and clear standards for students
- A high-quality grade-by-grade curriculum that matches those standards
- High-quality instruction by teachers who are continuously supported by professional development
- Local assessments aligned to curriculum and standards that provide regular feedback on student progress
- A system of early intervention to provide extra help for those falling behind.

CALLING ALL RIASC MEMBERS!

By now you have received the email soliciting RIASC members who would be interested in serving on the RIASC Executive Committee. If you are interested in participating in and formulating professional development opportunities, school committee advocacy and promoting state association goals, please complete the form emailed to you and submit it to jspremulli@ri-asc.org along with your resume. The submission deadline is March 1, 2019.

NSBA 2019 ANNUAL MEETING



Plan to attend the National School Boards Association Annual Conference and Exposition in Philadelphia from March 30 to April 1, 2019.

With over 250 educational programs and three inspirational general sessions, you will walk away inspired and ready with new ideas and tools to help move your district forward. You will also receive RIASC professional development credits for attending!

Go to <https://www.nsba.org/conference> to register.

ENERGY SAVINGS FOR YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

RIASC Executive Director Tim Duffy held an Energy Outlook meeting for school district personnel.

With the current forecast of increasing natural gas and electricity costs, it just makes sense that your district participate in collaborative purchases along with all the other school districts.

Rhode Island school districts are saving money through RIASC's energy purchasing collaborative. Does your district participate? Since the program's inception, districts have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs.

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: Cranston, Cumberland, Foster, Middletown, North Providence, North Smithfield, and Woonsocket)

BUYBOARD PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE SAVING DISTRICTS \$\$\$

Do you know if your district takes advantage of the cost savings of BuyBoard? Why not find out?

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.

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