

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE 101**

February, 2023



It was great to meet the many new members and reconnect with our veteran members and superintendents at the recent School Committee 101.

If you weren't able to attend, below are the video links to all presentations:

Open Meeting & Access to Public Records Acts  
[https://youtu.be/\\_oYeUz\\_qGpY](https://youtu.be/_oYeUz_qGpY)

The Code of Ethics  
<https://youtu.be/O7kwWoH2GXk>

Working Together - Avoiding Conflicts Before They Start  
[https://youtu.be/IQwl\\_jW68Pc](https://youtu.be/IQwl_jW68Pc)

Roles & Responsibilities: A Chat with Veteran School Committee Members & Superintendents  
<https://youtu.be/zFiPHLh5yHg>

Understanding The Funding Formula  
<https://youtu.be/cbK6gMCG12w>

Getting Your Message Out - PR Strategies  
[https://youtu.be/0AyyLsF6\\_Vw](https://youtu.be/0AyyLsF6_Vw)

Those who were able to attend achieved their mandatory six hours of training in one day!

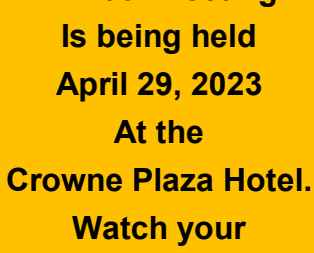
Couldn't attend? Gain credits for viewing the sessions.

**RIASC OFFICERS**

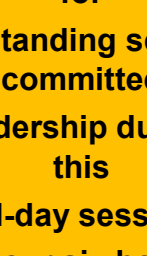
**David Testa**  
President  
**Paul Bourget**  
President-Elect  
**Susan St. Amand**  
Secretary/Treasurer

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Diane Chiaradio Bowdy  
Sandra Flowers  
Michael Traficante



**RIASC's Annual MEETING**



**RIASC'S 2023 Annual Meeting** is being held **April 29, 2023** At the **Crowne Plaza Hotel.**

Watch your Email for details and plan to attend.

We will be honoring **RIASC Leadership Academy graduates** and presenting the **Howard Kay Award** for

**outstanding school committee leadership** during this

**full-day session.** Get your six hours in one day!

**GET YOUR SIX!**

Congratulations to the following School Committee member districts whose entire school committees have achieved their mandatory professional development hours for 2023. Most of our members do not stop there! RIASC members are committed to ongoing professional development.

BARRINGTON  
SMITHFIELD  
WARWICK

These districts will be recognized at our Annual Meeting.

**2023 UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Upcoming professional development opportunities include:

- NSBA's Annual Meeting, April 1-3, Orlando, FL
- RIASC's Annual Meeting on April 29, 2023
- AG's Open Government Session on July 28, 2023
- RI Healthy School's Breakfast on October 26, 2023
- External Training Sessions (Submit your training form)

Watch your email for further details on these trainings and more to be added throughout the year.

**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, Academy graduates receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education at our Annual Meeting.

Watch the Awards ceremony video <https://youtu.be/UlfzN38Ofzs>

**EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDITS**

**DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT EXTERNAL CREDITS!**

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 RIASC. Find the form on our website or request a copy.

**NEED A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESOURCE?**

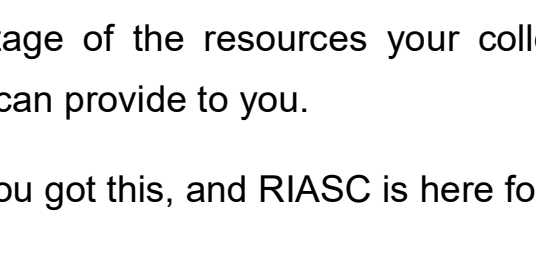
**Do you serve on the contract negotiations team for your district? Do you want to conduct research during the negotiation process? RIASC has you covered.**

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

We encourage you to visit the site for your negotiation research and to ensure your district has submitted their latest electronic contract to RIASC so that we can provide you with the most current information.

The site is located at <http://ntlong.com/cber/>

**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. Save time and money with BuyBoard.

**2023 HOWARD KAY AWARD**

RIASC is seeking nominations for a school committee member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership.

**ELIGIBILITY**

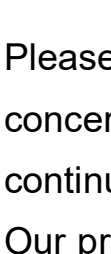
- Any committee member who has served at any time from May 1, 2022 to April 1, 2023 is eligible to be nominated. This includes members retired after May 1, 2022, and
- has attended two or more RIASC functions from May 1, 2022—April 1, 2023, and
- serves on a school committee that is a RIASC member.

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

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 3, 2023.

E-Mail nominations to: [jspremulli@ri-asc.org](mailto:jspremulli@ri-asc.org)

The Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on April 29.



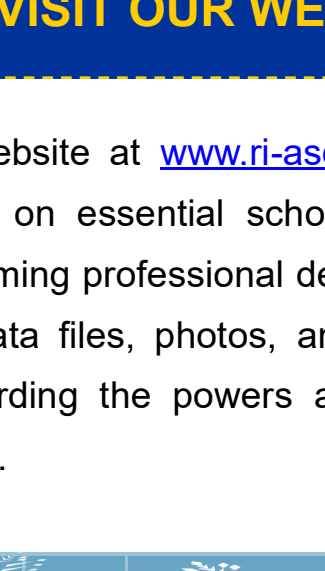
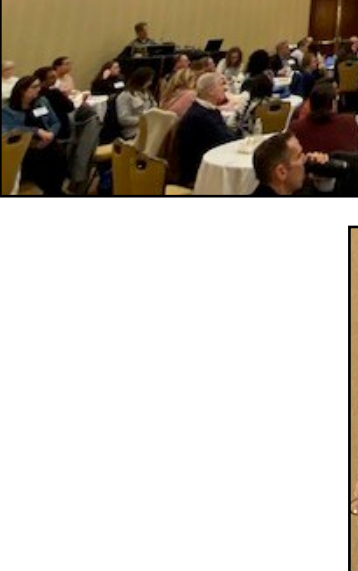
**RIASC—Your Resource**

Please remember to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have or to just get the support you need to continue to do what is best for your district.

Our professional development sessions and discussions lead to best practices and can provide support and encouragement to you as you navigate through the school year.

Take advantage of the resources your colleagues and our Association can provide to you.

You got this, and RIASC is here for you!



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

Visit the RI-ASC website at [www.ri-asc.org](http://www.ri-asc.org) where you will find training videos on essential school committee topics, information on upcoming professional development sessions, past newsletters, data files, photos, and the Rhode Island General Laws regarding the powers and duties of school committee members.