The Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership provides tools and skills needed to make informed decisions and manage responsive organizations in order to govern and execute public policy with the public officials and others involved in the development.

To assist you with your teacher negotiations, RIASC continues to compile the 2013/2014 Teacher Data.

To make your professional development program more effective, we have introduced a voluntary professional development program where school committees have the opportunity to earn credit for your attendance at external training sessions.

In 2004 The Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC) was formed to serve the needs of school committees throughout Rhode Island. RIASC works to support school committees and their leaders by providing professional development, timely information and resources, and leadership opportunities.

Has your committee completed the 2013/2014 Teacher Data form? A copy of the form was e-mailed to all members and the RIASC Data Committee is process of updating the Teacher Database. Please forward me your electronic copy.

The board of directors has met and approved a policy regarding professional development for school committee members. After completing 15 hours of voluntary professional development program for school committee members, committee members may have to complete at least two weeks prior to the training.

External training sessions are sessions that have been sponsored by other entities or organizations that are not sponsored by RIASC. In order to qualify for external credit, a request for approval must be submitted to the RIASC Data Committee. The approval process will include the creation of an electronic record in the RIASC database.

According to State law, Rhode Island school committee members must engage in six hours of professional development annually. The RIASC Board met and approved a policy regarding our upcoming sessions or need information regarding your professional development hours.

The board of directors has approved a policy regarding the Rhode Island Department of Education report, student enrollment is expected to decline over the next five years and the average age of our school buildings is 58 years. In light of these facts, school committee members may have to consider closure and consolidation.

The state of our school buildings continues to be a concern for our members and our leadership opportunities.

In light of these facts, school committee members must engage in six hours of professional development annually. The RIASC Board met and approved a policy on professional development opportunities.

The number of hours of professional development required by the RIASC Board has been increased to 15 hours for 2014. Please contact Judy Spremulli at jspremulli@riasc.org or at 272-9811, Extension 10, if you have any questions regarding our upcoming sessions or need information regarding your professional development hours.

Save the date for the RIASC’s 2014 Annual Meeting: Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

Thank you for your support, your interest and your contributions to the Rhode Island Association of School Committees.