

THE STATE OF OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS

January, 2014

RIASC OFFICERS

On January 18, 2014, RIASC will be hosting a session on school facilities.

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According to a recent 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.

BOARD MEMBERS

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In light of these facts, school committee members may have to consider closure and consolidation, grade reconfiguration, and regional opportunities.

SAVE THE DATE

RIASC'S 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Plan to attend and hear from the experts who compiled the school facilities report and find out how you can plan to offset your declining enrollment and your aging facilities.

Saturday
 May 3, 2014
 Crowne Plaza Hotel
 Rotunda Room
 Warwick, RI
 Timely topics will be discussed and our graduates will be recognized, along with the Howard Kay Award recipient.

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

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

We are planning many professional development opportunities for members to assist them in achieving their six hours for 2014!

Please contact Judy Spremulli at jspremulli@ri-asc.org or at 272-9811, Extension 10, if you have any questions regarding our upcoming sessions or need information regarding your professional development hours.

RIASC'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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 Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education.

Did you know that RIASC members have logged over 5,700 hours of professional development?

EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDIT

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 at least two weeks prior to the training session.

A copy of the form was e-mailed to all members and the form can also be obtained by visiting our website at www.ri-asc.org and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

RIASC DATA

To assist you with your teacher negotiations, RIASC continues to compile the 2013/2014 Teacher Data. Please contact me at jspremulli@ri-asc.org and I will register you on our website so that you can access the data.

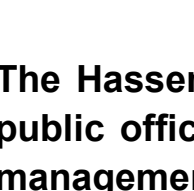
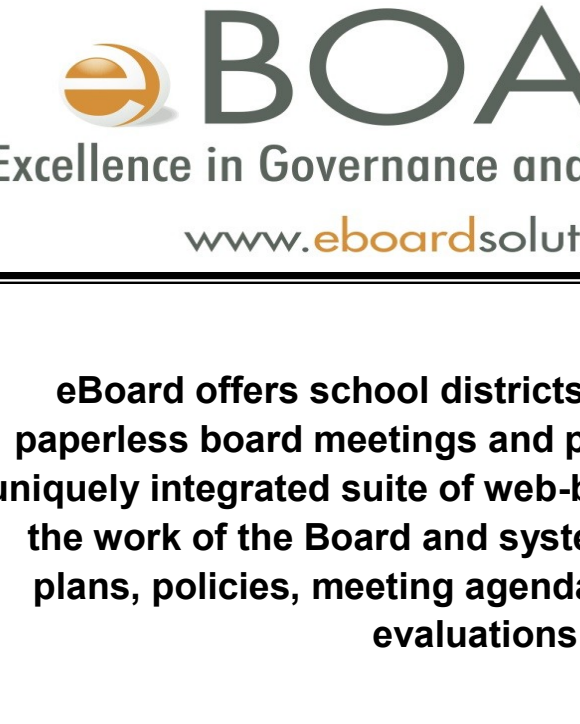
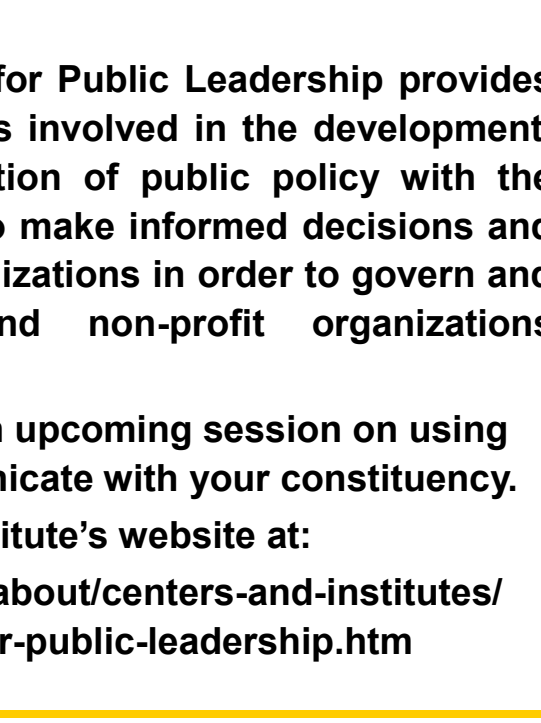
ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

RIASC is also in the process of updating the Teacher Contract Database. Please forward me your electronic teacher contract as soon as it is available.

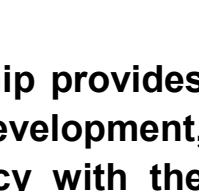
Remember, this site is a great resource for school committee members to view contract language to assist in teacher contract negotiations.

<http://www.ntlong.com/cber/index.html>

SCENES FROM RIASC'S COMMON CORE SESSION IN DECEMBER



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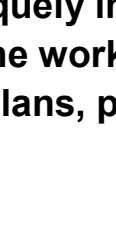


The Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership provides public officials and others involved in the development, management, and execution of public policy with the tools and skills needed to make informed decisions and manage responsive organizations in order to govern and lead public sector and non-profit organizations effectively.

Watch your email for an upcoming session on using social media to communicate with your constituency.

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<http://www.bryant.edu/about/centers-and-institutes/bryant-institute-for-public-leadership.htm>



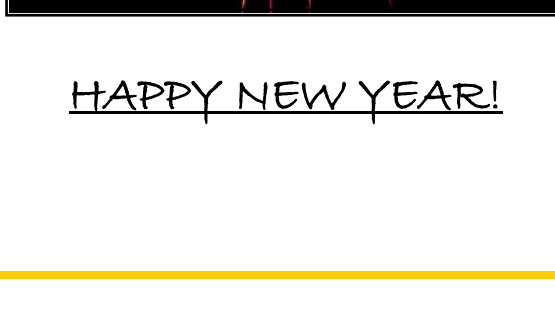
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