

RESOLVE TO BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE

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RIASC OFFICERS

Beginning a new year can motivate us to want to be our best. Below are the eight characteristics of an effective school board compiled by the Center for Public Education:

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- Commit to a vision of high expectations for student achievement and quality instruction and define clear goals toward that vision;
- Possess strong shared beliefs and values about what is possible for students and their ability to learn, and of the system and its ability to teach all children at high levels;
- Be accountability driven, spending less time on operational issues and more time focused on policies to improve student achievement;
- Collaborate with staff and the community and establish a strong communications structure to inform and engage both internal and external stakeholders in setting and achieving district goals;
- Be data savvy; embrace and monitor data, even when the information is negative and use it to drive continuous improvement;
- Align and sustain resources, to meet district goals;
- Lead as a united team with the superintendent, with strong collaboration and mutual trust;
- Participate in team development and training, to build shared knowledge, values and commitments.

RIASC 2016 Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

RIASC Annual Meeting

Saturday
May 7, 2016

Crowne Plaza Hotel
Warwick, RI

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 80 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2015 and overall members have accrued over 8,000 professional development hours.

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.

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.

The form can also be obtained by visiting our website at www.ri-asc.org and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

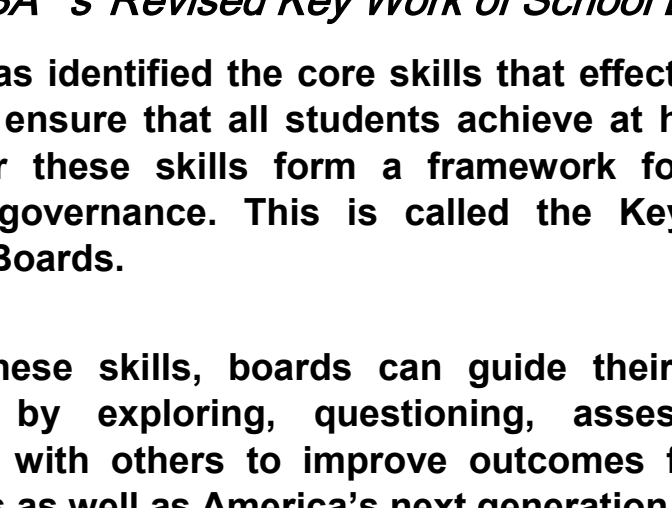
RIASC CHAIR MEETING

The next RIASC school committee chair meeting is being held on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 5:00 PM.

The meeting is being held at the Providence Marriott
One Orms Street, Providence, RI
Commissioner Wagner and John Simmons of RIPEC will be addressing the Chairs
Be sure to register at jspremulti@ri-asc.org

NOTE—If the Chair cannot attend, the Vice Chair can attend in his/her place.

NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Registration is open for the 2016 National School Boards Association Conference being held in Boston, MA. The Conference will run from April 9 to 11, 2016.

Below is the registration link:
<https://www.nsba.org/conference/registration/annual-conference-2016>

NOTE: NSBA will be announcing a special day rate for those members interested in attending for a day.

ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

RIASC is 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/>

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.

NSBA'S KEY WORK OF SCHOOL BOARDS SESSIONS

RIASC will be sponsoring sessions at Bryant University's Hassenfeld Institute on NSBA's Revised 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 curriculum has been designed by Bryant University for school committee members on each element of Key Work.

Our first session was held on October 3, 2015. Watch your email for further details regarding upcoming Keywork professional development sessions.

RIASC members who attend will be granted professional development hours toward RIASC's Leadership Academy.

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