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**Visit RIASC's Website**

**Visit our website at [www.ri-asc.org](http://www.ri-asc.org)**

**The site features training videos from School Committee 101 and our 2017 Annual Meeting.**

## RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Plan to achieve your 6 hours for 2018

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 2017 and, overall, members have accrued over 10,000 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.

## ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

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

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.

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.

## GENERAL TREASURER ADDRESSES SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE

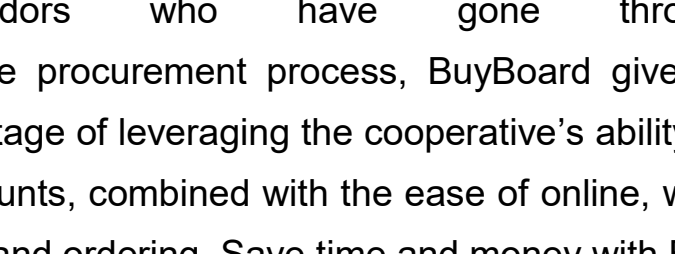
General Treasurer Seth Magaziner attended a December RIASC session where he spoke on the findings of the school buildings task force commissioned by Governor Raimondo.

Below is the link to the summary of the key information found by the Task Force.



[Task Force website](#)

## 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.

## 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](mailto:jspremulli@ri-asc.org) or faxed to 272-9834.

The form can also be obtained by visiting our website at [www.ri-asc.org](http://www.ri-asc.org) and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

*The AG's Open Meeting Summits and the Healthy Kids breakfast, along with NSBA's Annual Meeting are just some of the External Training sessions you may attend for credit.*

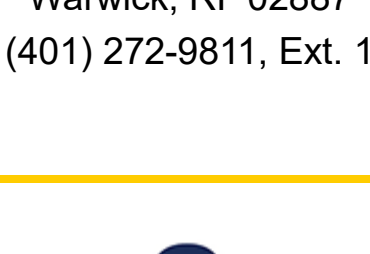
## SAVE THE DATE!



**RIASC's 2018 Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday May 5, 2018**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI**

- *Howard Kay Award presentation to an outstanding school committee member*
- *Professional Development recognition*
- *Network with your colleagues from across the State*

## RIASC HAS RELOCATED!



Reminder — RIASC offices have moved to 2480 Post Road in Warwick. We are located on the New England Institute of Technology's Post Road campus.

Our phone number remains the same and our new mailing address is:

RIASC  
PO Box 7791  
Warwick, RI 02887  
(401) 272-9811, Ext. 1

## NSBA SAN ANTONIO

### April 7-9, 2018

Registration is open for the upcoming NSBA Annual Meeting being held in San Antonio, Texas on April 7-April 9, 2018

*\*RIASC grants professional development credits to RIASC members who attend and submit their list of sessions.\**

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