

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January, 2020

As the new year begins, RIASC members are reminded of their annual training requirements. RIASC will be offering sessions to assist members in reaching their required hours for 2020.

On January 25 we will be beginning our professional development offerings with a session entitled *"The School Committee's Role in Telling the District's Story."*

Christopher Horan from Horan Communications will be presenting on how school committees can effectively inform and engage the community.

This session is being held on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Providence Marriott, One Orms Street, Providence. Save the date and watch your emails for further details and registration information.

As you set your goals for 2020, why not plan to join the many graduates of RIASC's Leadership Academy. These graduates have gone beyond the six-hour requirement to graduate and have received recognition from RIASC and the Rhode Island Board of Education. So many of our newest members have already graduated from the Academy!

RIASC OFFICERS

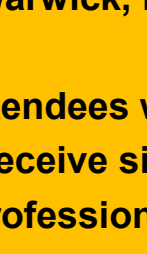
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Save the Date!



Plan to attend RIASC's Annual Meeting

May 2, 2020

Crowne Plaza Warwick, RI

Attendees will receive six professional development hours.

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Plan to achieve your 6 hours in 2020!

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 60 hours of professional development opportunities in 2019 and, overall, members have accrued over 12,000 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.

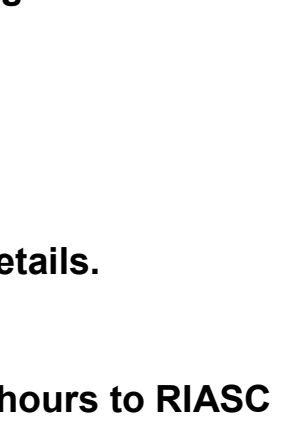
After completing 15 hours of RIASC professional development, Academy graduates receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education at our Annual Meeting.

COMMISSIONER INFANTE-GREEN PLEDGES TO FURTHER CLARIFY FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

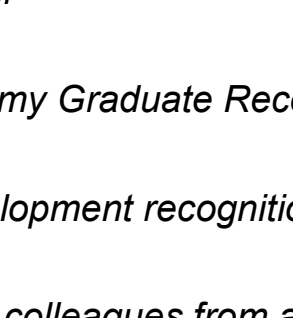


Commissioner Infante-Green attended RIASC's December school committee chair meeting and after hearing the concerns of the Chairs in attendance, pledged to further clarify Rhode Island school field trip guidelines with school districts.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included CTE's, RICAS intervention strategies, and a student's constitutional right to education.



2020 NSBA ANNUAL MEETING
EARN RIASC CREDITS FOR ATTENDING



Registration is now open to attend NSBA's 2020 Annual Meeting

April 3-6, 2020

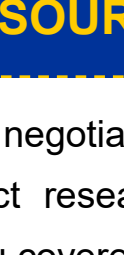
Chicago, IL

Register today!

Visit www.nsba.org for further details.

Members who attend should submit their hours to RIASC to receive RIASC professional development credit.

SAVE THE DATE!



RIASC's 2020 Annual Meeting
Saturday May 2, 2020

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI

Site Based Management Theory Versus Practice

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

Attendees will receive six professional development hours.

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 RIASC or faxed to 272-9834.

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

ENERGY SAVINGS FOR YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rhode Island school districts are saving money through RIASC's energy purchasing collaborative. Does your district participate? Since the program's inception, districts have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in energy costs.

NEED A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESOURCE?

Are you 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 and to make sure your district has submitted their latest electronic contract to RIASC 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/>

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.

Visit www.ri-asc.org

Visit the RI-ASC website at 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.

For new members, this site will provide you with a great overview of what we do and how we serve as a resource to you as you become oriented to your new role.

Couldn't attend the Annual Meeting? The videos from that day have been posted on our website!