

NECAP GRADUATION WAIVER SESSION

March, 2014

RIASC OFFICERS

On Saturday, March 1, RIASC will be hosting a session on NECAP waiver guidelines and the strategies used to assist students at risk of not graduating.

The Smithfield High School administrative team will be presenting on the protocols and policies that they employ to meet the needs of students identified as not making the cut to graduate.

Plan to attend this session and return to your district with a better understanding of the criteria and the variety of waiver options available to school districts.

The session is being held at the RIASC offices, Building 6, RIC Campus from 8:30 to 11:30 AM.

RIASC members will receive three hours of professional development credit for attending.

Don't forget to RSVP to jspremulti@ri-asc.org by February 25.

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SAVE THE DATE RIASC'S 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

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.

Fourteen RIASC members have already received their six hours for 2014!

Please contact Judy Spremulli at jspremulti@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 Education.

Graduates will be recognized at our
Annual Meeting in May.

Did you know that RIASC members have logged over 6,000 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.

LEGISLATIVE ALERTS

RIASC Executive Director Tim Duffy has been busy at the State House with hearings and meetings. Please watch your email for his legislative alerts to stay informed. Also, at times he will be asking for your assistance and support to achieve the best outcome from the 2014 general assembly session for Rhode Island school districts.

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.

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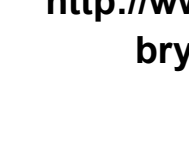
2014 HOWARD KAY AWARD

Nomination forms have been mailed to all members soliciting nominations for the prestigious Howard Kay Award.

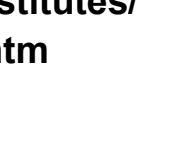
The Kay Award is given annually to an outstanding RIASC school committee member. Watch your mail for the form that details all the criteria and requirements for nomination.

The Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on May 3, 2014.

SCENES FROM RIASC'S SOCIAL MEDIA SESSION IN FEBRUARY



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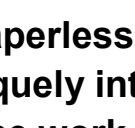
The Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership provides public officials and others involved in the development, management, and execution of public policy with the tools and skills needed to make informed decisions and manage responsive organizations in order to govern and lead public sector and non-profit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

Visit the Institute's website at:

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

RIASC DATA

To assist you with your teacher negotiations, RIASC continues to compile the 2013/2014 Teacher Data. Please contact me at jspremulti@ri-asc.org and I will register you on our website so that you can access the data. Also, we are currently soliciting administrative data from school districts.



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