

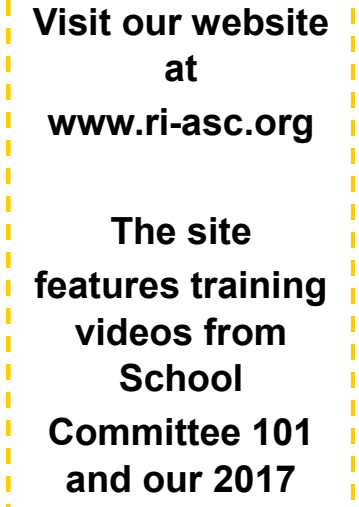
UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

March, 2018

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Plan to attend our **March 17** professional development session and learn about the **Education Funding Formula**. The history of the formula, how does our formula compare to other states and suggestions for changes to the formula will all be discussed. The session is being held from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at RIASC headquarters, 2480 Post Road, Hall of Fame Room, 2nd Floor. Please RSVP to jspremulli@ri-asc.org



Visit RIASC's Website

Visit our website at www.ri-asc.org

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

On Friday, **March 23**, the Hassenfeld Institute will be hosting a **Symposium on Student Equity and Achievement** on the Bryant University Campus from 8:00 AM to Noon. Superintendents, principals, and city and town councils will also be invited to attend. Watch your email for details.

Save the date for our **Annual Meeting** on **May 5** at the Crowne Plaza. This year we will focus on keeping our school's safe. Watch your email for further details.

Attendees of these sessions will receive professional development credit towards RIASC's Leadership Academy and their six hour requirement.

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

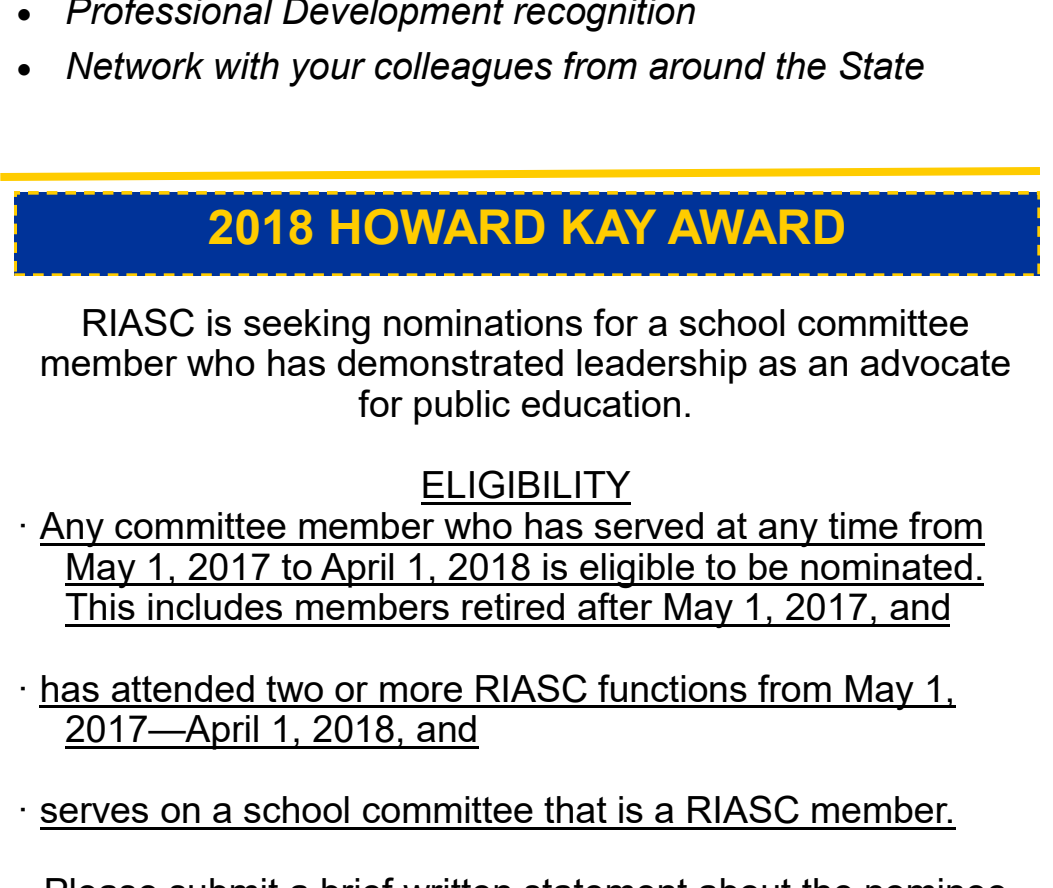
RIASC hosts the Collective Bargaining Electronic Resource, that includes teacher contract language for all school districts.

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.

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.

(We need teacher contracts from the following districts: Bristol/Warren, Burrillville, Central Falls, Chariho, Coventry, Cranston, East Greenwich, East Providence, Foster/Glocester, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, Little Compton, New Shoreham, North Providence, Pawtucket, Providence, So. Kingstown, Warwick, Westerly, W. Warwick)

RI EDUCATION COUNCIL SESSION



On Monday, February 26, RIASC arranged a discussion between the Chair of the Board of Education and the Chair of the Elementary and Secondary Education Council for RIASC members.

Attendees asked thoughtful questions touching on topics including the funding formula, charter schools, and policies and the mission and goals of the Council.

Gary Sasse presented the results of the Hassenfeld Institute's recent poll on education and RIASC Executive Director Tim Duffy briefed attendees on the latest education legislation and status of the State budget.

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 or faxed to 272-9834.

The form can also be obtained by visiting our website at 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

- *Learn about keeping schools safe*
- *Howard Kay Award presentation to an outstanding school committee member*
- *Professional Development recognition*
- *Network with your colleagues from around the State*

2018 HOWARD KAY AWARD

RIASC is seeking nominations for a school committee member who has demonstrated leadership as an advocate for public education.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any committee member who has served at any time from May 1, 2017 to April 1, 2018 is eligible to be nominated. This includes members retired after May 1, 2017, and
- has attended two or more RIASC functions from May 1, 2017—April 1, 2018, and
- serves on a school committee that is a RIASC member.

Please submit a brief written statement about the nominee explaining his or her attributes as a school committee leader.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS APRIL 16, 2018.

Mail nominations to:
Timothy Duffy, RIASC
PO Box 7791
Warwick, RI 02887
Fax to: 272-9834
Or email to: jspremulli@ri-asc.org

The Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on May 5, 2018.

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:

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

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.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPEN GOVERNMENT SUMMIT

SAVE THE DATE!
Attorney General's Open Government Summit
July 27, 2018
Roger Williams University

The Attorney General's office will be taking registrations and releasing further details in the summer.
RIASC members will receive credit for attending.

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.

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