

## UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RIASC has planned the following professional development opportunities for members:

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

School Committee Chair meeting 5:00 to 7:30 PM, Providence Marriott, Orms Street. (Chair, if you cannot attend please send a designee from your committee)

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

Legislative Workshop—8:30 AM Registration; Session 9:00 AM to Noon, Providence Marriott, Orms Street.

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

RIASC's Annual Meeting—Providence Marriott, Orms Street.

(Leadership Academy graduates will be honored at the Annual Meeting)

Watch your email for registration and further details.

Attendees will receive professional development credits toward their six-hour requirement and RIASC's Leadership Academy.

March, 2019

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### RIASC's 2019 Annual Meeting

**Save the Date!**

**RIASC's Annual Meeting**

**Saturday**  
**April 27, 2019**  
**Providence**  
**Marriott**  
**Orms Street**



## RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Plan to achieve your 6 hours for 2019

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 2018 and, overall, members have accrued over 11,000 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.

## 2019 Howard Kay Award for Outstanding School Committee Leadership

**We recently emailed all RIASC members seeking nominees for RIASC's Annual Howard Kay Award. Below are the eligibility requirements and deadline to receive nominee information.**

### ELIGIBILITY

- **Any committee member who has served at any time from May 1, 2018 to April 1, 2019 is eligible to be nominated. This includes members retired after May 1, 2018, and**
- **has attended two or more RIASC functions from May 1, 2018—April 1, 2019, 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 4, 2019.**

Mail nominations to:  
Timothy Duffy  
RIASC  
PO Box 7791  
Warwick, RI 02887  
or Fax to 272-9834  
or email to [jspremulli@ri-asc.org](mailto:jspremulli@ri-asc.org)

**The Award will be presented at our Annual Meeting on April 27, 2019.**

## 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, Healthy Kids breakfast, School Safety Conference, along with NSBA's Annual Meeting and webinars are just some of the external training sessions you may attend for credit.*

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSION

On Saturday, February 23, RIASC held a session on Collective Bargaining in the Public Sector for our members.

Over 50 members attended and learned the basics from Attorney David Abbott and his legal team who also offered strategies for upcoming contract negotiations.

## 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: Cranston, Foster, Middletown, North Providence, North Smithfield, and Woonsocket)

## ENERGY SAVINGS FOR YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

RIASC Executive Director Tim Duffy held an Energy Outlook meeting for school district personnel.

With the current forecast of increasing natural gas and electricity costs, it just makes sense that your district participate in collaborative purchases along with all the other school districts.

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.

## 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.

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