The Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC) offers several opportunities for professional development, networking, and recognition of members. Here are some highlights:

**Howard Kay Award**
- Presenting to an outstanding school committee chair.
- The award will be presented at the RIASC Annual Meeting on May 2, 2020.

**Annual Meeting**
- Held on Saturday, May 2 at the Providence Marriott. Watch your email for details.

**Professional Development**
- The RI ASC website at www.riasc.org provides training videos on essential school committee topics.
- Visit www.buyboard.org to learn about the national online purchasing cooperative formed between the National School Boards Association and several state school boards.

**Membership Benefits**
- Members are eligible for external credit, allowing them to gain credit hours for attending external training sessions.

**Leadership Academy**
- Recognition for the following graduates:
  - Anne Musella, and Carly Reich.
  - Gondola, Kristine LaPierre, Sarah Markey, Jean Meo, Moorhead, Andrew Bramson, Rebecca Durkin, Robert Gollin, and Mandy Hazen.

**BuyBoard National Purchasing**
- The site is located at buyboard.org.
- Developed to comply with state laws which require municipalities and other public entities to make purchases from an approved list of vendors who have gone through a procurement process.

**Collective Bargaining**

**Nominations**
- Nomination deadline for the Howard Kay Award is April 3, 2020. Submit a brief written statement about the nominee to RIASC or fax to 272-9834.

**Savings**
- Consider the savings of BuyBoard. Visit www.buyboard.org for further details.

**For More Information**
- For updates and more information, visit the RIASC website at www.riasc.org.