Mary Anne Roll has been an active member of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees (RIASC) since 2004 and has served on the RIASC Board in various capacities since 2015. She has been a member of the Lincoln School Committee and has served on the Rhode Island School Boards Association (RIASB) since 2015. Mary Anne has also served as President of the PTA and Director of Curriculum and Instruction in her capacity as President of the ASC Board. She is currently serving as President of the ASC Board.

Mary Anne has leveraged the cooperative purchasing program developed by the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative to comply with state laws which require municipalities and other public entities to purchase goods and services. The BuyBoard Cooperative is a national purchasing cooperative that provides districts with access to a database of vendors who have gone through a rigorous process to ensure they are compliant with state and federal regulations.

The BuyBoard Cooperative includes features such as a purchase order processing system, a contract management system, and a compliance tracking system. This allows districts to save time and money by utilizing the cooperative purchasing program. The BuyBoard Cooperative is an excellent resource for school committees looking to save money and comply with state laws.

In addition to serving on the ASC Board, Mary Anne has been an active member of the Rhode Island School Boards Association (RIASB). She has served on the RIASB Board of Directors and has been a member of the RIASB Legislative Committee. Mary Anne has also been a member of the RIASB Committee on Professional Development.

The RIASB Committee on Professional Development has created the Leadership Academy, a voluntary professional development program for school committee members. The Leadership Academy includes training sessions, such as the HASSENFELD INSTITUTE SESSION, which focuses on responsiveness vs. responsibility. The Leadership Academy has also developed the Collective Bargaining Electronic Resource, which includes teacher contract language for all school committees.

The RIASB Leadership Academy has supported school committee members across the state, to support the work of the Committees. Mary Anne looks forward to working with other school committee members to continue the work of the Leadership Academy.

The RIASB Leadership Academy has also offered over 65 hours of professional development opportunities in 2017 and, overall, members have achieved six hours of professional development. Congratulations to the Johnston School Committee and all of their members for their commitment to lifelong learning.

In their nomination letter, Kate Brody, Chair of the Barrington school committee, was described as someone who has shown her commitment to lifelong learning as she is a graduate of the Leadership Academy and has accrued over 300 hours of professional development. Kate has been active in the Association and has shown her leadership qualities and her many accomplishments. Her enthusiasm and collaborative efforts have been a great asset to the Barrington school committee.

In their nomination letter, Kate Brody was also described as someone who is a leader in the field of education. She is a strong advocate for teacher contract language for all school committees and has been a vocal supporter of the Leadership Academy.

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