

PARCC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 21

November, 2015

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With PARCC scores being released on November 16, RIASC is providing its members an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the results and the process moving forward.

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Mary Ann Snider of RIDE will be addressing your concerns and providing guidance as you work to address constituent concerns and gain a deeper understanding of RIDE's plans.

Upcoming Professional Development

- Topics will include:
- What's in store this year for Common Core and PARCC?
 - How can you district use the scores to improve instruction?
 - What will be the impact on students, parents, teachers and your school district?
 - How will you allocate resources to ensure all students can meet the Common Core standards?

PARCC RESULTS Q & A SESSION NOV. 21, 2015

This session is being held in Building 6 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Attendees will receive professional development credit.

RIASC Building 6 9:00 to 11:30 AM

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GOT SIX?

According to State law, Rhode Island school committee members must engage in six hours of professional development annually.

Did you know RIASC already offered over 80 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2015 and overall members have accrued over 8,000 professional development hours.

Recent sessions for credit included:

- October 8— RIDE Most Likely to Succeed
- October 17—RIDE Technology Conference
- October 27—RI Education Summit

RIASC'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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.

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.

The form can also be obtained by visiting our website at www.ri-asc.org and linking to the "Professional Development" page.

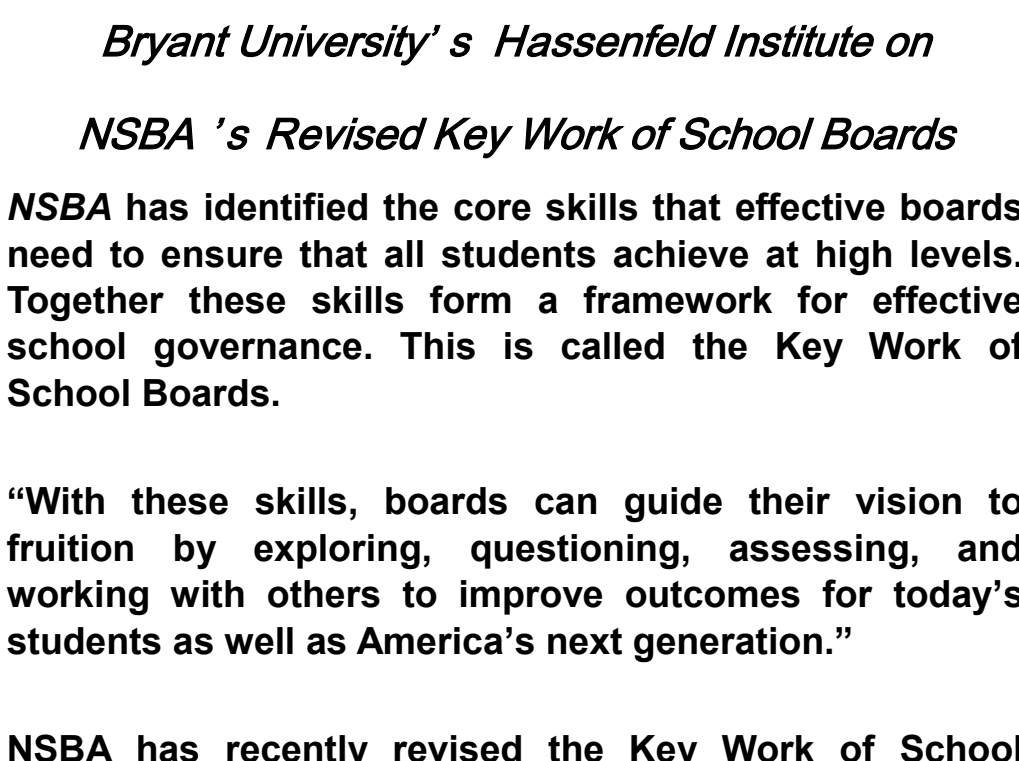
ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

RIASC is 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.

<http://www.ntlong.com/cber/>

NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN



Registration is open for the 2016 National School Boards Association Conference being held in Boston, MA.

The Conference will run from April 9 to 11, 2016.

Below is the registration link:

<https://www.nsba.org/conference/registration/annual-conference-2016>

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.

NSBA'S KEY WORK OF SCHOOL BOARDS SESSIONS



RIASC will be sponsoring sessions at Bryant University's Hassenfeld Institute on NSBA's Revised Key Work of School Boards

NSBA has identified the core skills that effective boards need to ensure that all students achieve at high levels. Together these skills form a framework for effective school governance. This is called the Key Work of School Boards.

"With these skills, boards can guide their vision to fruition by exploring, questioning, assessing, and working with others to improve outcomes for today's students as well as America's next generation."

NSBA has recently revised the Key Work of School Boards and curriculum has been designed by Bryant University for school committee members on each element of Key Work.

Our first session was held on October 3, 2015. Watch your email for further details regarding upcoming Keywork professional development sessions.

RIASC members who attend will be granted professional development hours toward RIASC's Leadership Academy.



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