

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

November, 2018

RIASC & Bryant University's
 Hassenfeld Institute
 Is sponsoring
 Newly Elected Leader's Orientation
 January 4-5, 2019

This is a comprehensive program that will encourage interaction with your municipal officials.

Day 1

- **Responsibilities & Public Trust**
Ethics Commission
- **Fiduciary Responsibilities & Budgets**
Auditor General
- **School Committee Municipal Collaboration**
 - **Roles & Responsibilities**

School Committee & Municipal Official's Panel

- **Rhode Island Politics – Ted Nesi**

Day 2

- **Knowing the players and working with them**
 - **Collective Bargaining**
David Abbott
 - **Team Dynamics**
- **Open Meetings & Social Media**

This program is free to attendees.

Current members are also welcome.

Please watch your emails for registration details.

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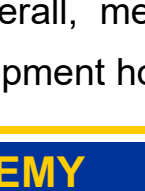
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RIASC's 2019 Annual Meeting

Save the Date!

RIASC's Annual Meeting
Saturday
April 27, 2019
Providence
Marriott
Orms Street



Chair Meeting

November 28

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 2018 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.

EXTERNAL TRAINING CREDITS

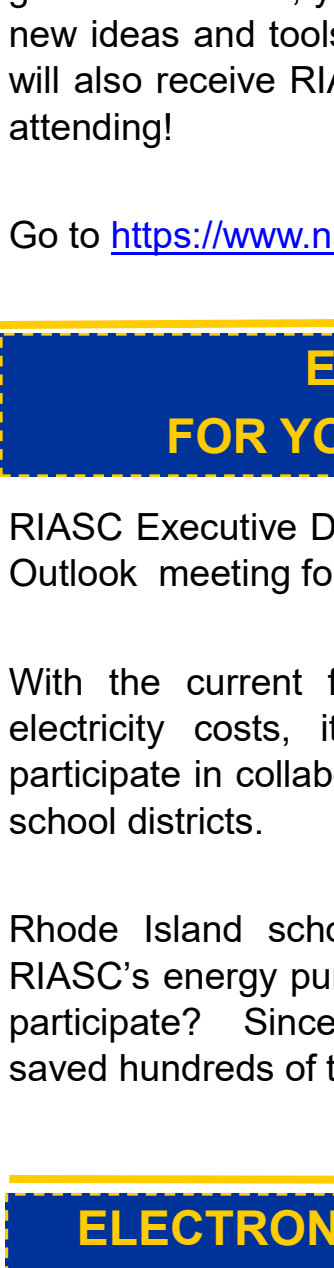
DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT EXTERNAL CREDITS!

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.

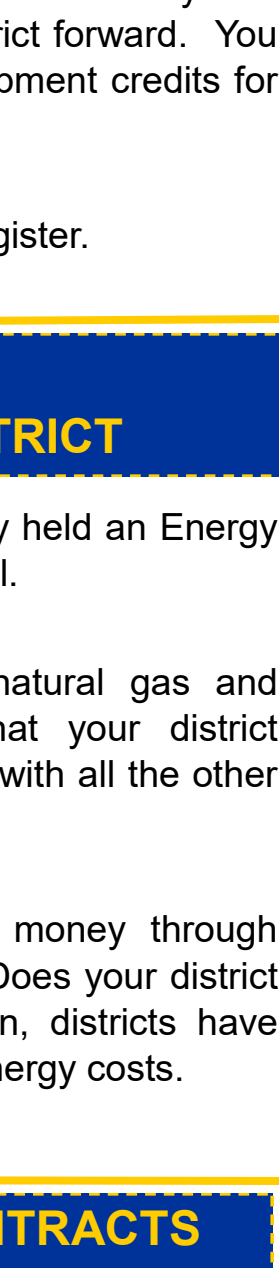
The AG's Open Meeting Summits, Healthy Kids breakfast, School Safety Conference, along with NSBA's Annual Meeting and webinars are just some of the external training sessions you may attend for credit.

RIASC's Chair Meeting

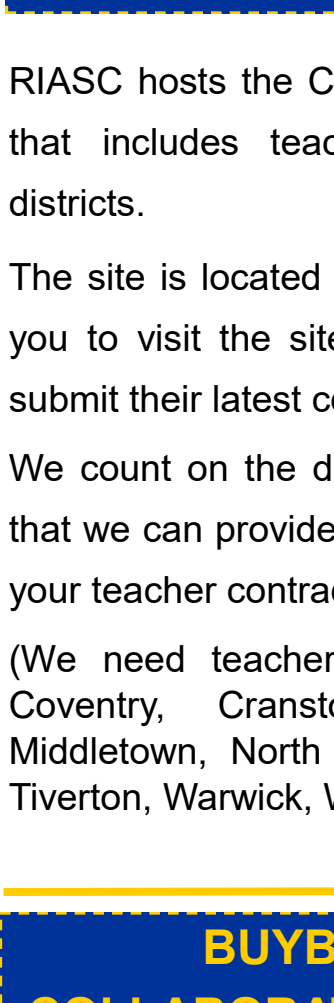


Representatives from RIDE were on hand to introduce school committee chairs to the new, user friendly Uniform Chart of Accounts.

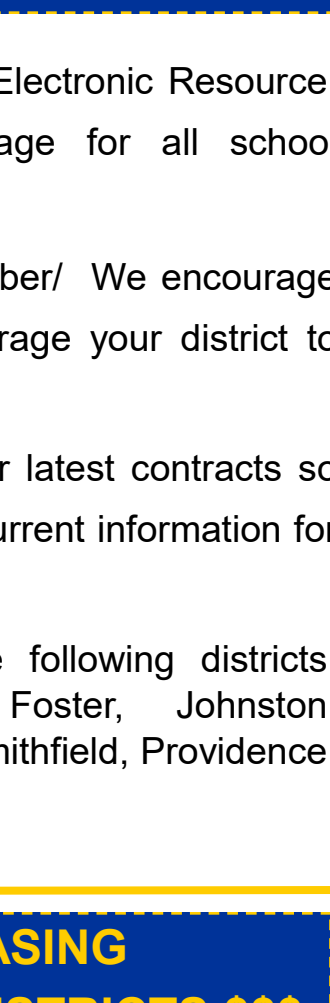
According to RIDE the new program will be going live soon and will assist school districts with obtaining a clearer picture of where there expenditures are and their return on investment with regard to student outcomes. The system will also pull together into a narrative that will make it easier to tell the story about the work being done



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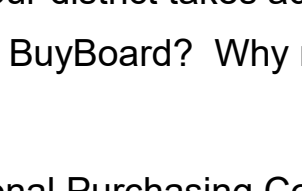


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NSBA ANNUAL MEETING

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Plan to attend the National School Boards Association Annual Conference and Exposition in Philadelphia from March 30 to April 1, 2019.

With over 250 educational programs and three inspirational general sessions, you will walk away inspired and ready with new ideas and tools to help move your district forward. You will also receive RIASC professional development credits for attending!

Go to <https://www.nsba.org/conference> to register.

ENERGY SAVINGS FOR YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

RIASC Executive Director Tim Duffy recently 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.

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: Coventry, Cranston, Cumberland, Foster, Johnston, Middletown, North Providence, North Smithfield, Providence, Tiverton, Warwick, Woonsocket)

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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