

Professional Development

November, 2019

The RIASC Board met and approved the 2019/2020 Professional Development Calendar.

Some of you attended our October and November sessions. The following are forthcoming sessions:

November 18—Urban LEA's and Under Performance, Challenges and Possibilities— this session is limited to Urban school committees.

December 11—Chair meeting with the Commissioner.

January 11—Federal Issues in Education

February 12—Chair Meeting on Increasing your School District's Visibility.

March 14—Legislative Update

May 2—RIASC Annual Meeting —Site Based Management Theory Versus Practice

July 22—Chair Meeting

Watch your emails for further details and registration information.

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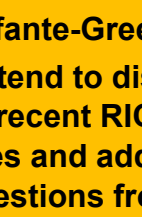
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Attention School Committee Chairs



RIASC Chairs
 plan to attend our
 next chair meeting
Wednesday
December 11, 2019
Providence Marriott
One Orms Street
5:00 to 7:30 PM
Commissioner
Infante-Green
 will attend to discuss
 the recent RICAS
 scores and address
 questions from
 attendees.
Can't attend?
Send a designee
from your
committee.

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Plan to achieve your 6 hours

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 50 hours of professional development opportunities in 2019 and, overall, members have accrued over 12,000 professional development hours?

RIASC'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

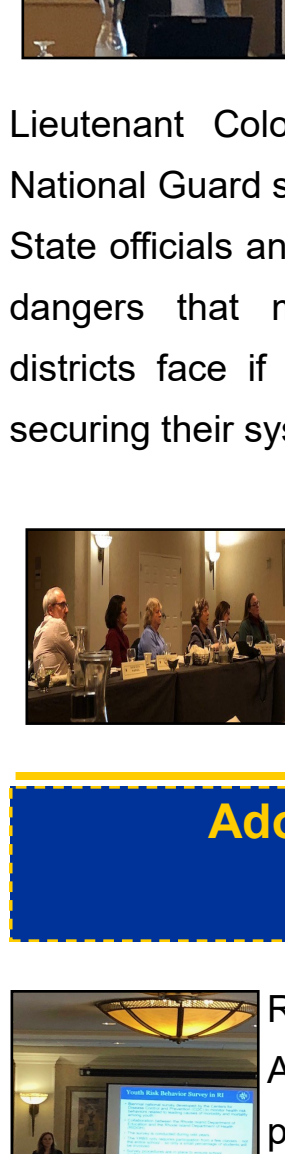
Why Stop at Six Hours?

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, Academy graduates receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education at our Annual Meeting.

RIASC OCTOBER CHAIR MEETING

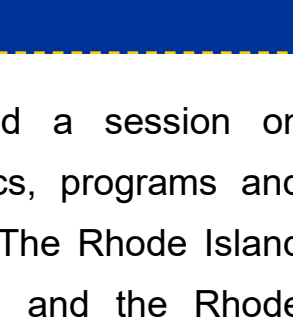
The topics covered at the October Chair's meeting included the teacher contract continuation lawsuit and school district cybersecurity.



Attorney Angel Tavares, whose firm is representing municipalities in the pending lawsuit, presented the elements of the suit and explained the potential impact the contract continuation law could have on their districts.

The current cyber attacks on local school districts prompted a session on cybersecurity. Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea gave attendees an overview on the State cybersecurity resources.

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Tetreault of the Rhode Island National Guard spoke, along with a team of State officials and Guard personnel, on the dangers that municipalities and school districts face if they are not diligent with securing their systems.



Chairs asked pointed questions and walked away with many ideas on assessing risk and best practices to avoid attacks.

Adolescent Health Session

November 2, 2019



RIASC members attended a session on Adolescent Health statistics, programs and policies on November 2. The Rhode Island Healthy Schools Coalition and the Rhode Island Department of Health served as members of the expert's panel and addressed questions and concerns from the attendees.

School committee members walked away with a binder full of information and sample policies to guide them as they create and update their district wellness policies.



COMMISSIONER INFANTE-GREEN TO SPEAK AT RIASC CHAIR MEETING

DECEMBER 11

Are you a school committee chair? If so, please register by December 1 for the next RIASC Chair meeting.

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

5:00 to 7:30 PM

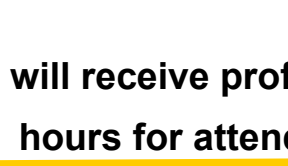
Providence Marriott

One Orms Street

If you cannot attend, please send a designee from your committee to attend in your place.

2020 NSBA ANNUAL MEETING

EARN RIASC CREDITS FOR ATTENDING



Registration is now open to attend

NSBA's 2020 Annual Meeting

April 3-6, 2020

Chicago, IL

Register today!

Visit www.nsba.org for further details.

RIASC members will receive professional development hours for attending.

SAVE THE DATE!



RIASC's 2020 Annual Meeting

Saturday May 2, 2020

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI

Site Based Management Theory Versus Practice

• *Howard Kay Award presentation to an outstanding school committee member*

• *Leadership Academy Graduate Recognition*

• *Professional Development recognition*

• *Network with your colleagues from across the State*

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 RIASC or faxed to 272-9834.

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

ENERGY SAVINGS FOR YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.

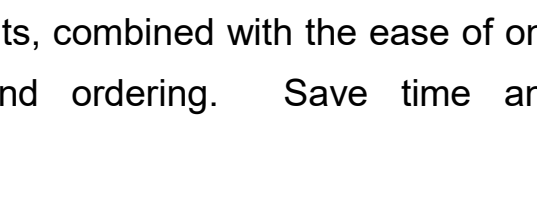
ELECTRONIC TEACHER CONTRACTS

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. Email us your new contract today.

BUYBOARD PURCHASING COLLABORATIVE SAVING DISTRICTS \$\$\$



Do you know if your district takes advantage of the cost savings of BuyBoard? Why not find out?

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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.