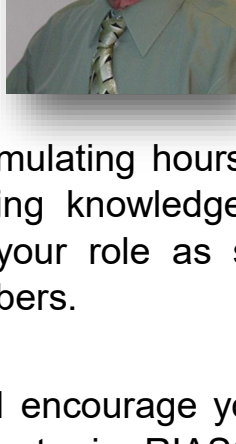


MESSAGE FROM THE RIASC PRESIDENT

October, 2016



RIASC members,
First, I would like to thank all the members who have faithfully participated in RIASC's Leadership Academy. You are not only accumulating hours, but you are also gaining knowledge that will assist you in your role as school committee members.

I encourage you to continue to participate in RIASC professional development, especially in the upcoming School Committee 101.

This is a very important session for new and also for seasoned members. Professionals from the Attorney General's Office, the Ethics Commission and governance training entities will be presenting on the latest rules and laws governing the duties of Rhode Island school committee members.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend School Committee 101 on December 3, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza.

Watch your email for further details and registration information.

RIASC President,
John Saviano

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Professional Development

SAVE THE DATE

School Committee 101
December 3, 2016
Crowne Plaza

Annual Meeting
May 6, 2017
Crowne Plaza

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 offered over 60 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2016 and overall members have accrued over 8,000 professional development hours?

Congratulations to Donison Allen of Burrillville, who recently completed his six hours for 2016.

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 approved professional development members become graduates and receive recognition from the Rhode Island Board of Education.

Over 200 members have graduated from the Leadership Academy.

CONGRATULATIONS BARRINGTON!

Congratulations to the Barrington school district. The district recently received Exemplary District Status from the Partnership for 21st Century Learning.

Barrington is one of only a few districts from across the country to earn this distinction for their commitment to innovation.

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.

2016 Blue Ribbon Schools

The Blue Ribbon is the highest award that the U.S. Department of Education bestows on schools. The Rhode Island schools honored with the 2016 Blue Ribbon are:

For overall academic excellence:

- Barrington High School
- Peace Dale Elementary School in South Kingstown

For closing achievement gaps among academic subgroups:

- Kent Heights Elementary School in East Providence.

Congratulations to everyone who worked toward this achievement!

TEACHER CONTRACT DATA

RIASC is in the process of collecting teacher data from the school districts.

If you are currently in teacher negotiations, don't forget to visit our collective bargaining website at <http://ntlong.com/cber/>

Please help us keep the this website current by submitting your most recent teacher contract to me at jspremulli@ri-asc.org

 [Visit our website at www.ri-asc.org](http://www.ri-asc.org)