
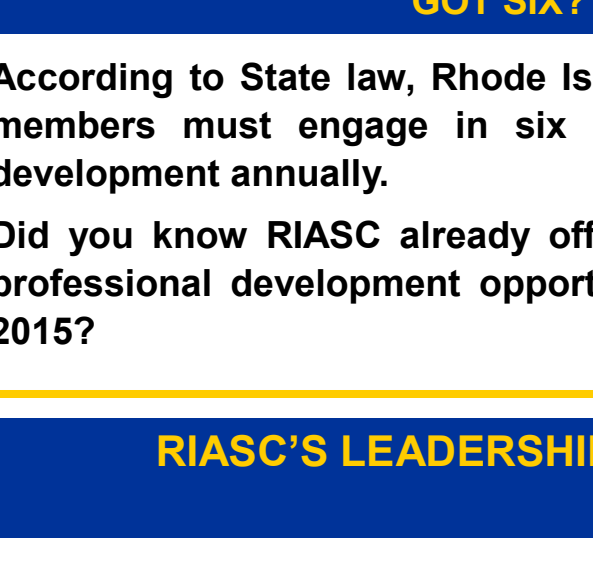


CHAIRS MEET WITH THE NEW COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

RIASC recently hosted a school committee chair meeting to introduce the new Commissioner of Education, Ken Wagner. Chairs were given the opportunity to ask the Commissioner questions and voice their concerns.

Chairs agreed that good communication between RIDE and the districts was essential during this time of reform and accountability in the public schools.

The Commissioner spoke on many issues, including the PARCC exam, the opt-out movement, and shared services among school districts for cost savings and efficiencies.

September, 2015

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Upcoming Professional Development

October 3, 2015

Key Work of School Boards

Bryant's Hassenfeld Institute

Save the date.

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 65 hours of professional development opportunities to members in 2015?

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/>

2015 HEALTHY SCHOOLS BREAKFAST Register Today!

Breakfast for School Leaders Symposium 2015

Thursday, September 24, 2015

7:00 - 9:30 AM

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick RI

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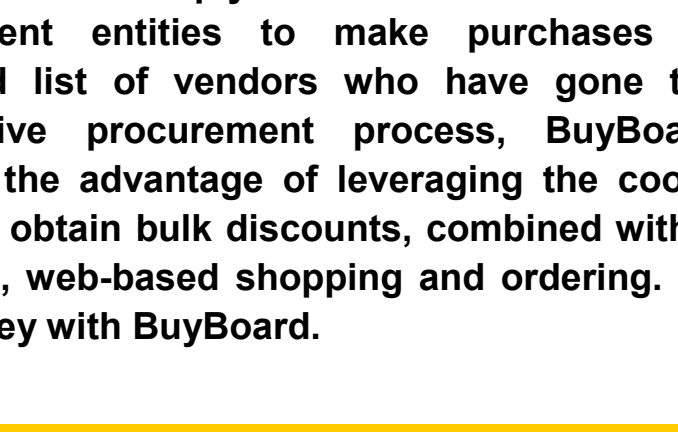
For registration and information.

RIASC members who attend will receive three hours of professional development credit.

SCENES FROM RIASC's CHAIR MEETING



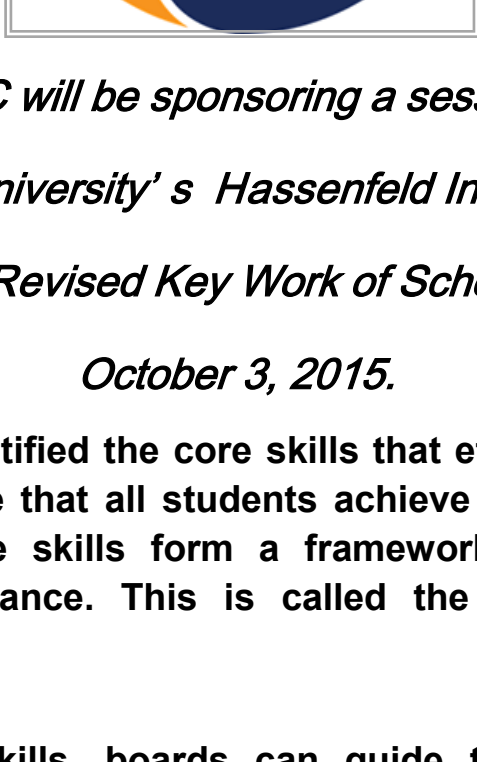
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The BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative is a national online purchasing cooperative formed between the National School Boards Association and several state school boards associations to streamline the buying process for schools, municipalities 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.

KEY WORK OF SCHOOL BOARDS SESSION Save the Date — October 3, 2015



RIASC will be sponsoring a session at

Bryant University's Hassenfeld Institute on

NSBA 's Revised Key Work of School Boards

October 3, 2015.

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.

Watch your email for further details regarding this professional development session.

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