

A MESSAGE FROM RIASC PRESIDENT MARY ANNE ROLL



Happy New (School Year)! For as long as I can remember, the first day of school has marked the beginning of a new year. After all, so much changes from the weather, to family schedules, what we have to eat (think apples and pumpkin spice everything), and even the work of School Committees. I know that in many districts summer is a time for setting the stage for the coming year. Whether or not you have been busy with hiring a new superintendent or negotiating a new contract with your staff, now it is really all about the children coming through the door every day.

I know that for school committee members in Rhode Island that means doing everything possible to ensure that EVERY child who comes to the school's door has the best opportunity for learning EVERY day.

The members of the RIASC Executive Committee met on August 29th to review the Work Plan developed at the August 2018 Retreat. We looked at what we committed to in the area of Advocacy, Professional Development and Service to members and how we can move the work in each area forward over the next 10 months. We discussed the importance of continuing our effort to get engaged with our partners to support a Constitutional Amendment guaranteeing the right to a free, adequate, and appropriate education in Rhode Island, developing a schedule for Professional Development that will assist our members in their work at the district level, and taking steps to build awareness among our members of RIASC's work on their behalf. Look for details in the weeks to come.

If you have suggestions for the Executive Committee or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Tim or Judy. RIASC is here to help!

September, 2019

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REGISTER TO ATTEND!

RI Healthy School Breakfast

October 10, 2019

7:00-10:00 AM

Crowne Plaza

Warwick, RI

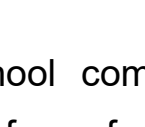
Registration

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been emailed to

you.

RIASC attendees will receive three hours of professional development credit.



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 40 hours of professional development opportunities in 2019 so far 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.

CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES!

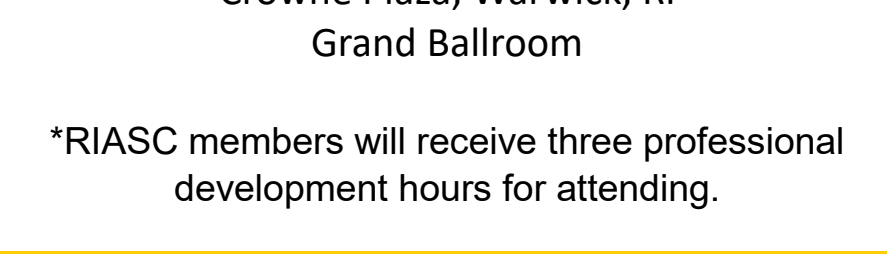
Perhaps you were one of the 2019 Leadership Academy graduates who received their Rhode Island Board of Education certificates at our Annual Meeting.

If you did not attend our Annual Meeting, your certificate was mailed to your superintendent.

Press releases and pictures were submitted to local publications acknowledging and congratulating all graduates. This is a great way to inform others of your commitment to ongoing professional development and to give you the recognition you deserve.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 10, 2019



Join us, along with your RI school colleagues, parents and community school wellness advocates at this important event!

Registration information has been emailed to you.

Stay up-to-date at www.rihsc.org

***Thursday, October 10, 2019**

7:00—10:00 am

Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI

Grand Ballroom

*RIASC members will receive three professional development hours for attending.

SAVE THE DATE

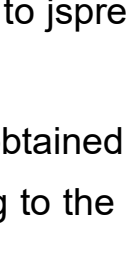
November 2, 2019

RIASC will be hosting a session on student health initiatives on November 2 at the Providence Orms Street Marriott.

RIASC members will receive professional development credit hours for attending.

Watch your email for details.

SAVE THE DATE!



RIASC's 2020 Annual Meeting

Saturday May 2, 2020

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI

- *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 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.

ENERGY SAVINGS

FOR YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

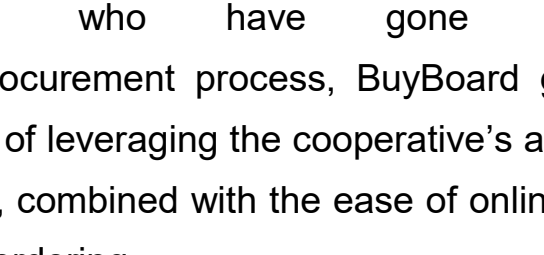
RIASC hosts the Collective Bargaining Electronic Resource, that includes teacher contract language for all school districts.

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: Cranston and North Providence)

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.

Save time and money with BuyBoard!



Visit the RI-ASC Website

Visit the RI-ASC website at www.ri-asc.org where you will find training videos on essential school committee topics, information on upcoming professional development sessions, past newsletters, data files, photos, and the Rhode Island General Laws regarding the powers and duties of school committee members.

For new members, this site will provide you with a great overview of what we do and how we serve as a resource to you as you become oriented to your new role.

Couldn't attend the Annual Meeting? The videos from that day have been posted on our website!

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