

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

September, 2023

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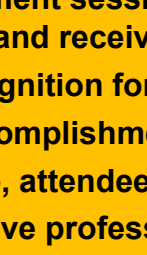
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RIASC's 2024 Annual Meeting



Plan to Attend!
RIASC's Annual Meeting
May 4, 2024
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Engage with your colleagues from around the State, gain knowledge from professional development sessions, and receive recognition for your accomplishments!
Also, attendees will receive professional development credits for attending.

The Rhode Island Association of School Committees is your advocate as you navigate another school year.

We have been working with RIDE, the legislature, and your administration and have facilitated meetings to keep members informed and engaged.

As we move forward, we will be coordinating School Committee Chair meetings and providing timely professional development opportunities for all members.

Please remember to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have or to just get the support you need to continue to do what is best for your district.

Our discussions lead to best practices and can provide support and encouragement to you as you navigate through this new school year.

Take advantage of the resources our Association can provide.

So, you got this, and RIASC is here for you!

2023-2024 Professional Development

The RIASC Board is in the process of planning the 2023/2024 Professional development sessions. Below are some upcoming professional development opportunities:

- RI Healthy School's Breakfast—October 26, 2023
- NSBA Annual Conference - April 6-8, 2024
- RIASC's Annual Meeting— May 4, 2024
- External Training Sessions (Submit your training form)

Watch your email for information on these and additional sessions.

2023 EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

RIASC Executive Director, Tim Duffy compiled an education legislative summary and sent it to all members and is also posted on our website. Tim works tirelessly behind the scenes and at the State House to ensure public education concerns are heard and acted on!

RIASC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Got Six?

According to State law, Rhode Island school committee members must engage in six hours of professional development every calendar year.

Did you participate in School Committee 101 in January or RIASC's Annual Meeting in May? If so, you earned your six hours for 2023.

*Congratulations to the **Barrington School Committee, Cranston School Committee, Smithfield School Committee, South Kingstown School Committee, and Warwick School Committee, as all of their school committee members have completed their six-hour professional development requirement for 2023!***

WELCOME NEW RIASC BOARD MEMBER

Congratulations and welcome to the newest member of the RIASC Executive Committee:

Domenic Fusco

Cranston School Committee

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.

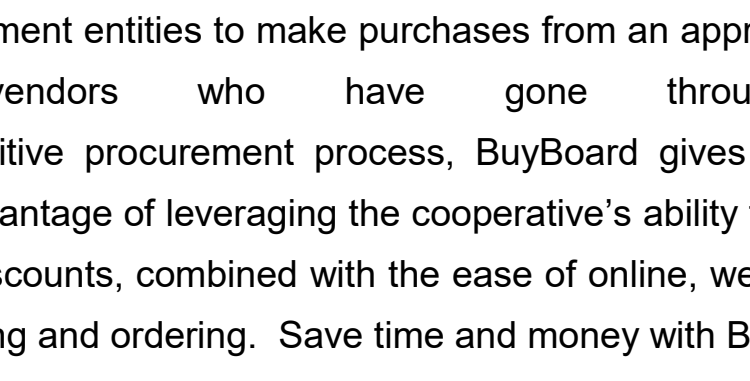
DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT EXTERNAL CREDITS!

EXTERNAL TRAINING 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.

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

NSBA'S 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION



Visit www.nsba.org to register for NSBA's Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, from April 6 to April 8, 2024. RIASC members will be granted professional development credits for attending.

NEED A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RESOURCE?

Are you on the contract negotiations team for your district? Do you want to conduct research during the negotiation process? RIASC has you covered.

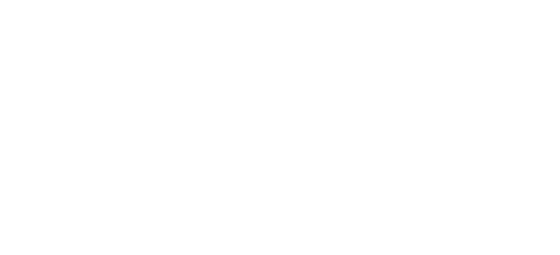
RIASC hosts the Collective Bargaining Electronic Resource, that includes teacher contract language for all school districts.

We encourage you to visit the site for your negotiation research and to ensure your district has submitted their latest electronic contract to RIASC so that we can provide you with the most current information.

The site is located at <http://ntlong.com/cber/>

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 our 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.