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Information Works! 2007 Reports Available On Line at RIDE-URI Website

The first elements of Information Works! 2007 have been posted on the Information Works! Web site, www.infoworks.ride.uri.edu

Information Works!, a joint project of the R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the National Center on Public Education and Social Policy, at the University of Rhode Island, consists of a collection of reports on all public schools and school districts in Rhode Island, plus a detailed State Report that contains statewide data on assessments, school finances, and other aspects of instruction and school climate.

The project is now in its tenth year.

The Information Works! 2007 reports are being posted on line as and when they are ready. The first reports posted include:

- Data from the annual SALT Survey of parents, students, and educators on school climate and on parental and family engagement
- A set of reports drawn from the annual SALT Survey of students regarding health risks
- A report on Rhode Island public-school results on the AP exams

A new feature this year in Information Works allows on-line users to copy data directly into other programs such as Excel so as to generate new reports or to sort data by varying criteria. This feature also allows users to see the raw numbers that generate the charts, graphs, and tables in Information Works.

Over the next few months, more sections will be added to the school reports, including information about the statewide assessments, school finances, attendance and dropout rates, suspensions, and teacher qualifications. Statewide tables, including the complete list of school-performance classifications, and district-level reports, will also be posted. It is expected that all reports will be on line by June of 2007, when the state report will be published in booklet form.