

Principal Professional Development Opportunity (Kennedy Principal Fellows)

In the fall of 2003, The Education Partnership was awarded a congressionally authorized two-year appropriation from the Fund for the Improvement of Education for the development of standards and training for mentor principals. This legislation was sponsored by Congressman Patrick Kennedy. This grant award, combined with funds from the RI Department of Education's State Action for Education Leadership Project (SAELP) from the Wallace Foundation and the RI Association of School Principals creates a unique and valuable professional development opportunity for thirty K-12 principals in RI.

Who: Open to all K-12 Principals in RI

Q. Who will benefit from participation in this Institute?

A. Principals and central office administrators who are working with teachers, assistant principals, aspiring principals, and with new district principals to create learning communities.

- Gain the knowledge and skills necessary to develop leadership capacity in your educational community.
- Become an effective mentor.
- Become a more effective and reflective school leader.
- Belong to a statewide network /cohort of like-minded professionals.

What: Year-long Institute for Principals / Best Practice and Mentor Training

Topics to be covered:

Session 1

- Understanding Yourself as a Learner and Leader
- Challenges of the Principalship
- Introduction to Mentoring
- Understanding Mentor and ISLLC Standards

Session 2

Getting Inside the Principalship

- Instructional Leadership
- School Culture
- Management
- Families and Community
- Integrity and Ethics
- Politics and Legalities

Session 3

The Art and Science of Mentoring and Developing Collegial Relationships

- Communication
- Strategies

Session 4

No Principal Left Behind

- Making Sense of our Jobs
- Responding to What You Want/Need
- Differentiating the Work
- Opportunity to Teach Back

When: *Three Weekend Retreats and a Day

- Saturday, October 23, 2004 (8:00 – 4:00)
- Friday (4:00 – 9:00) and Saturday (8:00 - 4:00) November 19 and 20
- Friday (4:00 – 9:00) and Saturday (8:00 – 4:00) February 4 and 5
- Friday (4:00 - 9:00) and Saturday (8:00- 4:00) March 18 and 19

*Participants must attend all sessions.

Where: Alton Jones Campus (Modeled after the weekend executive MBA program at URI)

Why: RI needs principals who champion educational change through leadership of innovative schools focused on student achievement and personal growth.

All tuition, room and food costs covered. Participants will pay the cost of books and materials only. Districts (or participants) will be asked to contribute \$200.00 per participant to help defray overhead costs.

CEU's granted / good for I-Plan credit

Graduate credits will be available for those interested through RIC.

Faculty:

Norma Cole, Principal, Garden City Elementary School, Cranston

Judy Lundsten, Principal, Arlington Elementary School, Cranston

Judy Paolucci, Assistant Superintendent, Narragansett

Joe Maruzczak Principal, Ponagansett High School, Foster-Glocester

Donna Vigneau, Director of Leadership, The Education Partnership and former principal of Coventry Middle School

Sponsored by: RI Association of School Principals, The RI Department of Education State Action for Education Leadership Project, (SAELP) and The Education Partnership.