

STRENGTHENING NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS GIVING EVERY STUDENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED

RECORD INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION

- Working to triple the number of pre-K classrooms by 2019
- Making all-day Kindergarten universal across Rhode Island
- Launching Prepare RI so high school students can take college classes *for free*
- Creating the P-Tech program for local businesses to adopt a school to help students prepare for college or career
- Creating a School Building Authority to modernize our schools that, in its first year, has already invested \$20 million for projects at 86 schools benefiting more than 30,000 students

SCHOOL EMPOWERMENT

The voluntary School Empowerment initiative will let schools do what's best for their kids, & help teachers focus on teaching by:

- Getting rid of red tape & unnecessary bureaucracy
- Eliminating regulations that are slowing progress
- Providing autonomy to principals & teacher leaders

This year, Governor Raimondo proposed funds to help build this leadership & empowerment work with a budget that includes:

- \$1 million for teacher & principal leadership pipelines
- An additional \$750,000 for expert classroom teachers to provide regional & statewide instructional leadership
- \$1 million for school & district teams to plan for & design their empowerment plan

REIMAGINING SCHOOLING

Getting kids excited about learning through:

- Standards-based, hands-on, integrated approaches
- Project- & problem-based learning
- Leveraging technology
- Linking learning to meaningful outcomes

FUNDING FORMULA

- Rhode Islanders from education, business, & the community recently completed [a review of our funding formula](#)
- Let's continue to invest in our schools & [be fair in the way we fund them](#)
- It's time to put their recommendations into action because our schools need these resources to put our kids on a path to success

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT

Under this voluntary program, empowerment schools can choose whether to open their doors to students from other schools & communities:

- One size doesn't fit all - providing families with options to help their children succeed
- Students can choose any open enrollment program or school that fits their interests & needs, if there is space available
- Families can decide where their children go to school, regardless of where they live

BUILDING SKILLS

- Providing all students with access to advanced classes in the arts, world languages, humanities, science, & mathematics
- Providing free access to the PSAT & SAT to 10th & 11th grade public school students to give them early feedback on college readiness
- Expanding Career & Technical Education: blending academic readiness with job skills
- Growing the PrepareRI & the Advanced Coursework Network to give all students even more free access to college & career learning experiences
- Building more dual- & world-language programs
- Expanding STEM & STEAM programs
- Expanding computer science across K-12 by 2017

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