

**Commissioner's Weekly Field Memo**  
**Friday, July 18, 2014**

**From the R.I. Department of Education (RIDE)**

1. RIDE posts new [Student Learning Objective](#) resources
  2. [Educator Quality Team](#)
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**Action Item Calendar**

August 1: Deadline to contact [Educator Quality Team](#)

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**From RIDE**

***Educator Evaluations:***

1. RIDE posts new Student Learning Objective resources

RIDE has posted a number of [resources](#) related to Student Learning Objectives including: (1) The Process for Writing a Student Learning Objective: A Guide for Educators in Rhode Island; (2) Setting Targets for Student Learning Objectives Guidance; (3) Setting Targets for Student Learning online module; (4) The Evolution of an SLO; and (5) Setting Standards for Local Assessments Guidance.

## 2. Educator Quality Team

RIDE is seeking principals interested in forming a partnership with members of the Educator Quality Team to support the implementation of education evaluations in their school. Educator Quality specialists from RIDE will partner with principals to conduct a needs assessment and set clear goals to focus their work together. They will provide ongoing support throughout the 2014-15 school year with the long-term goal of sharing best practices and lessons learned with the field. Possible goals for the partnership include: increase the strategic use of data to plan differentiated professional learning opportunities; increase the consistency of the quality and rigor Student Learning/Outcome Objectives; calibrate the scoring of Professional Practice and/or Professional Responsibilities scores; improve the efficiency of the evaluation process; and implement the full Support Professional Evaluation process with quality. To express interest or learn more about this opportunity, please contact the Educator Quality Team by August 1 at [ed.eval@ride.ri.gov](mailto:ed.eval@ride.ri.gov).

***RIDE will post this field memo on Tuesday, at:***

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/CommissionerDeborahAGist/FieldMemos.aspx>