Welcome!

Community Forum on Education: the Every Student Succeeds Act

**November 2** – Juanita Sanchez Educational Complex
**November 9** – Lincoln Middle School
**November 14** – Coventry High School
**November 17** – Portsmouth High School
**November 21** – South Kingstown High School

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Tonight’s Agenda

• Welcome and Overview
  • Introduction to ESSA
  • Our vision & mission
  • Purpose of this meeting

• Small Group Discussions to Share Experiences

• Next Steps
What is ESSA?

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Federal education law
- Replaces “No Child Left Behind”
- Gives states more flexibility to make decisions
- Asks states to refine their plan around multiple topics

ESSA gives an opportunity for RI to further develop and resource RI’s Strategic Plan for PK-12 Education
What is included in the ESSA state plan?

- Goals, Accountability, & Report Cards
- Federal Funding Allocations
- Supports for Educators & Leaders
- Supports for All Students & Schools
- Academic Assessments & Standards
- School Improvement Strategies
What is our vision?

In 2015, over 11,000 Rhode Island community members contributed to the creation of a 2020 Vision for Education.

The Strategic Plan calls us all to realize a vision for our schools:

Rhode Island schools prepare every graduate to pursue a fulfilling career, and be a critical and creative thinker, a collaborative and self-motivated learner, and a culturally competent active citizen.
How will we realize our vision?

Our Mission:
Together, we empower and support our teachers and school leaders to provide rigorous and relevant teaching and learning for every student.

Our Guiding Principles:
We want your input!

- **Reimagined Schools:** If you were to choose a school for your child, what would you look for in the school?

- **High Expectations:** How would you know that the school is supporting every student to be successful?

- **Empowerment:** What might raise concerns about a school? How can we support schools to continuously improve?

- **Responsibility:** How can we make sure that the entire school community can play a role in improving the school?
How will we be using your input?

Phase 1: Seeking Input (Aug. - Jan.)

Phase 2: Collecting Feedback (Feb. - May.)

Phase 3: Attaining Approval (Jun. - Aug.)

Phase 4: Planning Implementation (Sep. - Nov.)
Small Group  Input Discussions

Small Groups
Blue
Yellow
Red
Green
Purple

Choose a “role” badge upon entering your assigned room. Your input will be anonymous and only associated with your self-identified role(s).
Welcome Back!

Community Forum Wrap-up
How can you stay involved?

**Phase 1: Seeking Input on Key Questions (Aug. – Jan.)**
- 5 public forums across the state

**Phase 2: Gathering Feedback on Initial Recommendations (Feb. – May)**
- Public survey on initial recommendations
- 5 public forums

**Phase 3: Attaining Approval on Full State Plan Draft (Jun. – Aug.)**
- Open public comment period

**Phase 4: Submit and Plan for Implementation (Sep. – Nov.)**
- Submit plan to US ED by 9/18/17
- Work with field to implement
- Develop tools and guidance for implementation
What can you do right now?

✓ Complete your exit ticket to tell us how we are doing so far

✓ Make sure we have your email address to get the most updated information

✓ Follow us on Twitter: @RIDEptEd

✓ Like our Facebook page: facebook.com/RIDEptEd

✓ Tell your friends and neighbors and continue to share your ideas: www.ride.ri.gov/ESSA
Thank You!

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