



Announcement: The Rhode Island CEEDAR State Leadership Team

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) is pleased to announce, in collaboration with the [CEEDAR](#) (Collaboration for Effective Educator Development, Accountability and Reform) Center, the formation of the Rhode Island State Leadership Team. This team is supported by the CEEDAR Center in the development and implementation of renewal efforts that look to improve educational processes for every student in Rhode Island. The State Leadership Team is working on three primary Blueprint goals:

1. Engage in continuous improvement of preparation programs.
2. Support the development of mutually beneficial partnerships between districts and preparation programs.
3. Establish organizational cultures, identify protocols, and provide shared learning opportunities to ensure that Rhode Island approaches education work with an explicit focus on equity and access.

Each blueprint goal is supported by objectives and implementation strategies that will be shared broadly as recommendations for practice. The final outcomes will be supported by resources to ensure effective practice.

Members of the Rhode Island State Leadership Team include:

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Affiliation</i> | <i>Steering Committee</i> |
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This representative group of stake-holders is working collaboratively between PK-12 and Higher Education to ensure the best learning experiences for every learner in Rhode Island. You can keep track of our announcement and the work we are doing, and learn more about the CEEDAR initiative, on our RIDE webpage:

<https://www.ride.ri.gov/TeachersAdministrators/EducatorCertification/CEEDAR.aspx>