

# A Leadership Series

## What YOU Need to Know Now!

*Survival skills for School Administrators*

**10 Monthly Sessions**  
**September 14, 2009 - May 17, 2010**  
**4:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Rhode Island College**  
Building 6, Conference Room  
600 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908



### Who Should Attend

- All principals and/or assistant principals
- All special education administrators and/or special education assistants

### What You Will Learn

This series of programs will explore critical issues in public education, particularly current special education laws and regulations, and what they require you to know and do.

The series' ten sessions will focus on:

- **I-Plan for Administrators**
- The No. 1 Job - **Student Literacy**
- **Communicating** - from school functions to media relations
- **Leading the Response** to Intervention Process
- **Standards Based and Balanced Leadership**
- **Working with parents** - home-school relationships complying with special education law
- **504 Plans** - the legal mandates
- **The how and what** of the special education process
- **Positive Behavioral Supports** - positive discipline for all students
- **The Impact** of the RI Leadership Standards

### Program Coordinators\*:

**Joseph Pasonelli** ([jpasonelli@yahoo.com](mailto:jpasonelli@yahoo.com)) -Former member *RIASP Board of Directors, Elementary School Principal of the Year and Milken Award Winner*

**Rusty Brown** ([rbrown@nsps.us](mailto:rbrown@nsps.us)) -*District Special Education Director, North Smithfield*

\*Program Coordinators will attend each session.

### Registration Deadline: September 4, 2009

**This series is free.** It is funded by the RI Personnel Development Grant and is offered at no cost to districts or participants. Supper will be provided for all sessions. Late registration will be accepted as space permits.

*See session descriptions, schedule, and registration information on Page 2.*

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RI Association of School Principals



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## Session Descriptions

### SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

*Balanced Leadership in an Age of Accountability*  
David Abbott, Deputy Commissioner/RIDE,  
John Golden and Patricia Hines, RIASP

### OCTOBER 26, 2009

*I Plans for Administrators -Getting Re-certified*  
Hilda Potrzeba and Jennifer Jendzejec, RIDE Office of  
Educator Quality and Certification

### NOVEMBER 23, 2009

*504 -Do You REALLY Understand what it Means? and  
The Process for Special Education -The "How" Is as  
Important as the "What"*

What you really need to know about 504 plans and their  
effect on your students, and a unique perspective on  
special education will be presented by Tom DiPaola,  
Associate Professor, Johnson and Wales University.

### DECEMBER 14, 2009

*Leading the Response to Intervention Process*  
Phyllis Lynch, RIDE, and others TBA

### JANUARY 11, 2010

*Special Education View:  
What You **DON'T** Know **CAN** Hurt You*  
Andrew Henneus, Esq.

### FEBRUARY 8, 2010

*The Impact of the Rhode Island Leadership Standards*  
John Golden, RIASP

### MARCH 15, 2010

*Home-School Relations: Strategies to Work Effectively with  
Parents*  
Pat Beauchemin, M.S.W., Sue Donovan, RIPIN, and a  
panel of ARIASE and RIASP representatives will discuss  
the critically important role of parents in successful  
schools.

### MARCH 29, 2010

*Literacy: Job #1 for Every Educator*  
A discussion of the primacy of literacy for all  
students. Mary Cerullo, Consultants

### APRIL 26, 2010

*Positive Behavioral Supports – Keeping Student  
Discipline Positive for Everyone*  
A review of positive support strategies to improve outcomes  
for students with challenging behaviors.  
Bill Eyman, Consultant, and Lavonne Nkomo,  
Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities

### MAY 17, 2010

*Communication and Public Relations: From School  
Report Night to Media Relations*  
A panel discussion about effectively using communica-  
tions for your school, featuring ARIASE and RIASP repre-  
sentatives.

## REGISTRATION

Register by **September 4, 2009**. Registration is available online only. To access the registration form, click the link below or type the link into your web browser. Your registration will be confirmed via email.

<http://sherlockcenter.leadershipseries.sgizmo.com>

### Reasonable Accommodations:

If you need an accommodation, or materials in an alternate format, please call Elaine Sollecito at 401-456-2764 or email [esollecito@ric.edu](mailto:esollecito@ric.edu) by August 28th. Requests received after that date may not be filled.

### Professional Development

This course is offered through the Office of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions at Rhode Island College. Three graduate credits will be awarded, on a pass/fail basis, in Summer 2010.

To receive graduate credit, the series' 10 required sessions must be supplemented by attendance at a statewide leadership conference sponsored by ARIASE and/or RIASP to complete a total of 36 hours.

**Credit is optional.** Participants interested in graduate credit must register for the course with RI College at the start of Summer Session 2010. Specific directions will be provided at a later date. A fee of **\$150** will apply; payable to RI College. **NO PAYMENT IS DUE AT THIS TIME.** Grades will be issued through RI College in August 2010.