



**RIDE** Rhode Island  
Department  
of Education

Dear Friends of Education,

**We want to hear your voice as we begin to develop Rhode Island's new strategic plan for public education!**

Our new plan will be for, from, and about all Rhode Islanders, and we will build this plan through a statewide conversation. The first step of this conversation is underway: we are asking all Rhode Islanders to share with us their views on education through a short, anonymous survey that will take no more than five minutes to complete. In the first two weeks, we have received a tremendous response of more than 4,000 participants - but we have another six weeks to go and want to hear from as many Rhode Islanders as possible!

I am seeking your help to ensure that your voice is part of this conversation. You can see the overall results in real time on our web site at [www.ride.ri.gov/Strategic-Plan-Survey-Results](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Strategic-Plan-Survey-Results).

I would be very grateful if you would please take the survey and share this link with everyone in your networks: [www.ride.ri.gov/Strategic-Plan-Survey](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Strategic-Plan-Survey)

Here is a link to the Spanish-language version of the survey:  
[www.ride.ri.gov/Strategic-Plan-Survey-ES](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Strategic-Plan-Survey-ES)

A brief summary of the entire design process for the strategic plan is posted on RIDE's website at [www.ride.ri.gov/Strategic-Plan](http://www.ride.ri.gov/Strategic-Plan)

We have embarked on an ambitious project, and, with your help and participation, I know that we can develop a dynamic and ambitious strategic plan that will improve the lives of our students and their families for years to come.

Best,

Deborah A. Gist  
Commissioner

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