

Developing Rhode Island's Plan for PK-12 Education 2015-2020 ***An Overview of the Strategic-Planning Process***



Stage 1: Convene a Statewide Conversation: Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

Invite thousands of Rhode Islanders to discuss the future of public education

This conversation will inform the planning process and, ultimately, serve as the basis of the strategic plan.

- Statewide PK-12 Survey: Fall/Winter 2014
- Education Exchange Community Engagement Sessions: March 2015



Stage 2: Convert the Conversation to Action: November 2014 – June 2015

Recruit, select, prepare, and support a community team to write the plan

A community team will work directly with the Rhode Island Board of Education to develop the strategic plan. They will develop and publish four drafts and collect and respond to feedback on each.

- Recruitment and Selection of community team: November – December 2015
- Publish Draft #1 Value Statements: February 2015
- Publish Draft #2 Plan Priorities: March 2015
- Publish Draft #3 Plan Priorities and Strategies: April 2015
- Publish Draft #4 Full Draft of Strategic Plan Document: May 2015
- Final Draft: June 2015



Stage 3: Launch a Statewide PK-12 Plan – June 2015

Launch the new Rhode Island plan and create the conditions for its success

Through the combined efforts of the Rhode Island Board of Education, the community team, and the thousands of people who contributed to the statewide conversation, Rhode Island will launch a plan that reflects our shared values, beliefs, and hopes about the future of public education.

Three Ways to Stay Involved in the Process!

- 1) Check out our web site at www.ride.ri.gov/Strategic-Plan for regular updates.
- 2) Use and search for #EdVoicesRI on social media.
- 3) Join our listserv! Email EdVoicesRI@ride.ri.gov and request to be added to the listserv.
Your email will not be shared with anyone.

For any questions about this process, or anything related to the Rhode Island Department of Education, please email EdVoicesRI@ride.ri.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why are you using this process?

This process puts Rhode Islanders at the center of the planning process and later, the plan itself. The process is designed to collect information from Rhode Islanders early and often. By starting *first* with the voices of Rhode Islanders and committing to keeping their views, expectations, and hopes central to all decision-making, we will develop a plan that is right for our students, our schools, and our state.

Who is involved in the development?

Thousands of Rhode Islanders are involved in this process. Over 10,000 Rhode Islanders responded to our state's first statewide PK-12 education survey. Another 3,000 Rhode Islanders have asked to be involved and are being kept up-to-date on every opportunity to provide feedback. Hundreds of Rhode Islanders provide targeted input on every draft of the plan. Over 20 community organizations are hosting conversations about the future of public education. The 26-person community team includes parents, students, educators, businesspeople, and elected officials. The final plan must be approved by the Board of Education.

What is the Ambassador Design Team?

Almost 300 Rhode Islanders applied to serve on the 26-person community team, which includes parents, students, educators, business people, and elected officials. This team works directly with Board of Education to develop the 2015-2020 plan for public education. These community members are committing between 40-60 night and weekend hours between January and June to support this process.

How can I be involved?

Your participation in this Education Exchange is one important step. Thank you! The best way to get and stay involved is to join our listserv. Email EdVoicesRI@ride.ri.gov and request to be added. Your email will not be shared with anyone or used for any other purposes.

How will my feedback from today be included in the planning process?

Your feedback from today will be collected and used in several forms. First, photographs of all the work you do during this Education Exchange will be collected. Second, all the recommendations and feedback you provide will be summarized and provided to the community planning team. Third, the photographs we collect from your work today may be presented to the Board of Education, placed on the website, or included in our documentation of the process.

What will the final document look like?

The final product will be a focused, actionable 7-10 page plan that describes a vision for Rhode Island public schools from 2015-2020.