

The Rhode Island PK-12 Strategic Plan for Education 2015-2020: Development Process

The Rhode Island Board of Education,
Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, and
the Rhode Island Department of Education are launching a *new, groundbreaking*
strategic-planning process for planning the **goals of public education**,
pre-school through high school, for 2015-2020.

An Overview of the Strategic-Planning Process



Stage 1: Convene a Statewide Conversation: October 2014 – March 2015

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

These discussions will range from multi-thousand person surveys to intimate living-room discussions. We will use this conversation to sculpt the planning and the process and, ultimately, to serve as the basis of the strategic plan.



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

Recruit, select, and prepare the “Ambassador Design Team”

A community team will work directly with the Rhode Island Board of Education to develop the strategic plan through numerous drafts, each of which will respond to new “chapters” of information produced through the statewide conversation.



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 Ambassador Design 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.

Rhode Island is one of the **first states** in the country to **empower the community** to develop a **plan for public education** through a process that is built upon the principles of *transparency, engagement, empowerment, and respect*.

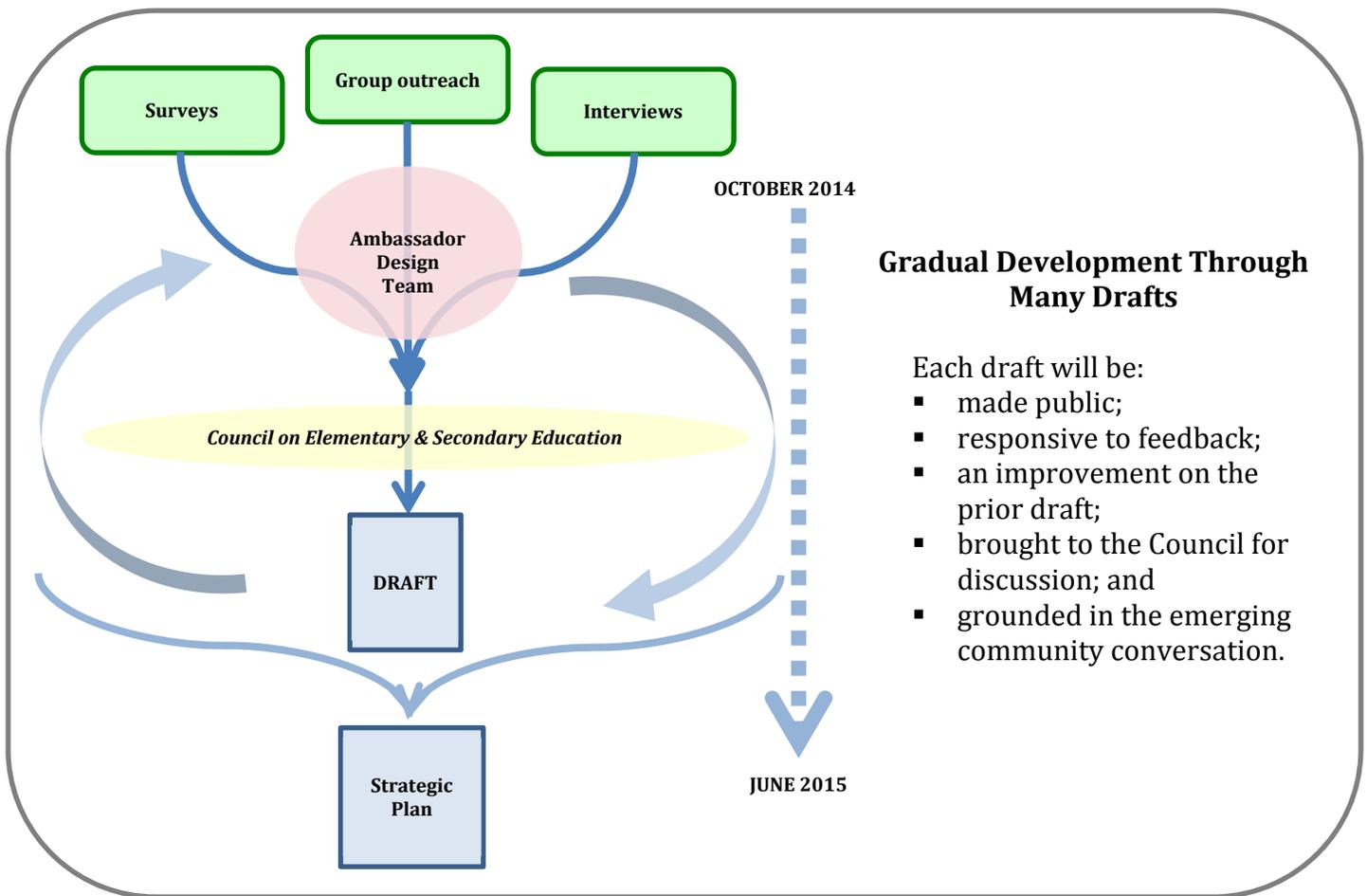
Our Commitments

Transparent: Every part of this process will be transparent, publicly available, and easily accessible.

Engaging: Every interested Rhode Islander will have an opportunity to contribute his or her opinion and to participate in the process.

Empowering: A community team will develop the plan; the people most affected by public education will be closest to the decision-making process. The Board and Council will partner with the community team from the first to the final draft.

Respectful: The process and plan will incorporate the opinions, expectations, and beliefs of participating Rhode Islanders. Although not every perspective may be included in the final plan, no perspective will be ignored.



Gradual Development Through Many Drafts

Each draft will be:

- made public;
- responsive to feedback;
- an improvement on the prior draft;
- brought to the Council for discussion; and
- grounded in the emerging community conversation.

This process and the plan that **we develop together** will be *transformative*. Our ultimate success will be a result of the many Rhode Islanders joining the conversation and participating in the development of the plan.

There are Many Ways to Become Involved



Join the conversation

- Respond to the statewide survey and share your ideas online.
- Participate in small-group discussions.
- Continue the conversation with #EdVoicesRI.
- Conduct interviews.
- Host or sponsor an event – email us!



Support the Ambassador Design Team

- Apply to join the Ambassador Design Team.
- Attend design-team sessions.
- Monitor the progress online.
- Provide feedback on each draft.

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