



Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

Monday, October 6, 2025

5:30 p.m.

RIDE - Room 501

Members of the Public may also join via Zoom Webinar

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Providing public comment: The Council strongly encourages individuals interested in providing public comment to e-mail written comments to Christine.Kechejian@ride.ri.gov. These written statements will be shared with the Council in advance of the meeting. **Any written comments submitted after 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting, will be shared with Council members after the meeting.**

If individuals prefer to provide verbal comment instead of a written statement, please e-mail Christine.Kechejian@ride.ri.gov **by 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 3, 2025**, to sign-up to comment during the Open Forum. Please note that during the Open Forum, only those individuals who have signed-up in advance of the meeting will be allowed to comment. The Open Forum will be limited to no more than 20 minutes; individuals are asked to limit their remarks to two (2) minutes or less.

In the event of technical difficulties during the meeting, please email Elizabeth.Cruz@ride.ri.gov

A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board of Education's Webpage after the meeting.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. August 26, 2025

[Enclosure 2a](#)

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- State Assessments
- Attendance Update
- Blue Ribbon School Award
- RI State Teacher of the Year
- WaterFire Salute to Educators

4. OPEN FORUM

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. State Assessment Results
- b. Praxis Bridge
- c. English Proficiency Assessment

[Enclosure 5a](#)

[Enclosure 5b](#)

[Enclosure 5c](#)

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of Praxis Bridge
- b. Approval of English Proficiency Assessment

[Enclosure 6a](#)

[Enclosure 6b](#)

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2):

- a. Discussion and possible action with respect to the proposed Tentative Agreement between the Providence Public School Department and Local 1033 of the Laborers' International Union of North America.
- b. Update and discussion with respect to pending and contemplated litigation involving the termination of federal funding related to public education including, inter alia, *State of New York, et al. v. Donald Trump, et al.*, Case 1:25-cv-00039-JJM-PAS, ECF 161 (D.R.I. 2025), *State of New York, et al. v. Linda McMahon, et al.*, Case 1:25-cv-10601-MJJ (D. Mass. 2025), *State of New York, et al. v. U.S. Dep't of Educ., et al.*, Case 1:25-cv-11116 (D. Mass. 2025), *State of Washington, et al. v. U.S. Dep't of Ed.*, Case No. 2:25-cv-01228 (D. Wash. 2025) and *State of Maryland, et al. v. Corp. for Nat'l and Community Service, et al.*, C.A. 1:25-cv-01363-DLB (D. Md. 2025).
- c. Update and discussion with respect to pending litigation by the U.S. Department of Justice alleging violations of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in *USA v. State of R.I., the R.I. Department of Education and the Providence School District*, C.A. No. 1:23-cv-466 (D.R.I. 2025).

8. ADJOURNMENT