



SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Chair, Hanna M. Gallo

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Proudly Presents the

Sixth Annual Rhode Island Education Summit

Delivering a 21st Century Education for a 21st Century Workforce

**Thursday,
November 9, 2017
3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

*Department of Administration
Cafeteria – Ground Level
One Capitol Hill
Providence, Rhode Island*

Please preregister at the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-senate-education-summit-tickets-39097352233>

Registration 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Welcome and Introductory Remarks 3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- **The Honorable Hanna M. Gallo**, Chairperson, Senate Committee on Education
- **The Honorable Harold M. Metts**, Vice Chairperson, Senate Committee on Education

Session 1: Public Education Leaders – State of Education

4:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Speakers will provide an overview of the status of PK-20 public education system in Rhode Island.

- **Ken Wagner, Ph.D.**, Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education
- **Brenda Dann-Messier, Ed.D.**, Commissioner of Postsecondary Education
- **Barbara Cottam**, Chairperson of the Board of Education

Question and Answer

Session 2: Rhode Island Promise Scholarship and Transfers to the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College

4:25 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

- **Alix Ogden**, Chief of Staff, Community College of Rhode Island
Ms. Ogden from the Community College of Rhode Island will be discussing recruitment efforts, faculty and staff needs, and services necessary to ensure an on-time graduation and degree attainment of Promise Scholarship recipients.
- **Frank Sánchez, Ph.D.**, President, Rhode Island College
Dr. Sánchez will identify plans for seamless transfers and recruitment of Promise Scholarship recipients for enrollment and completion of a Bachelor's Degree.
- **Representative** from the University of Rhode Island
The representative from the University of Rhode Island will identify plans for seamless transfers and recruitment of Promise Scholarship recipients for enrollment and completion of a Bachelor's Degree.

Question and Answer

Student Panel

4:50 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Light Dinner

5:20 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

Session 3: Delivering a 21st Century Education: Quality Teacher Preparation Programs, SAT/PSAT Program and Career Readiness 5:45 p.m. – 6:15p.m.

- **Paula M. Szulc, Ed.D.**, Director, Assessment & Accreditation, Lynch School of Education, Boston College
Dr. Szulc will discuss the institutional activities, expectations and standards of Boston College's teacher preparation program along with the K-20 policy implications.
- **John Fallon**, Executive Director, College Readiness Assessments, The College Board
Mr. Fallon will present information on the PSAT and SAT program in high schools from before and after the implementation of state-sponsored examinations offered during the school day. He will also present the latest data on Advanced Placement courses in RI high schools.
- **Adam Flynn**, Assistant Director, William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Tech High School
Mr. Flynn will discuss how Davies ensures career readiness of its students, including the issuance of industry recognized certificates.

Question and Answer

Session 4: Foster Youth Opportunities, Summer Melt and Public College 6:20 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.

Outcomes

- **Darlene Allen**, Executive Director, Adoption RI
Ms. Allen will discuss the scholarship program that Adoption RI offers in partnership with Hasbro for foster youth.
- **Andrew Bramson**, Executive Director, The College Crusade
Mr. Bramson will present information on their program and partnership with the Community College of Rhode Island targeting the reduction of Summer Melt – when a child is accepted into college in June but does attend college in September..
- **Robin McGill, Ph.D.**, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner
Dr. McGill will present the progress on the Postsecondary Education strategic plan and college completion rates.

Question and Answer

Closing Remarks 6:50 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- **The Honorable Hanna M. Gallo**
- **The Honorable Harold M. Metts**