



SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The Honorable Hanna M. Gallo

and

The Honorable Harold M. Metts

Invite you to the

**Seventh Annual Senate
Education Summit**

*A Twenty-First Century Education for a Twenty-First
Century Workforce*

Monday,
September 17, 2018
3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

Registration

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Welcome and Release of Senate Report

3:50 p.m. – 4:05 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: World Language Acquisition – The Benefits of Multilingualism

4:05 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.

- **Trey Calvin**, Managing Policy Analyst, Joint National Committee for Languages – National Council for Languages and International Studies (JNCL-NCLIS)
Mr. Calvin will discuss the world language teacher shortage, the economic benefits of multilingualism, and the social and educational benefits of dual language immersion and biliteracy.
- **Ken Wagner, Ph.D.**, Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education
Commissioner Wagner will present the availability and access of Rhode Island public education students to world language opportunities, including dual language immersion, the biliteracy seal, and dual enrollment opportunities.
- **Karen de Bruin, Ph.D.**, Department Chair of Modern & Classical Languages & Literature, University of Rhode Island
Dr. de Bruin will discuss the world language programs offered at URI, including those that prepare educators to teach in dual language immersion programs and English for Speakers of Other Languages programs.
- **Kristen Stringfellow, Ed.D.**, Superintendent, South Kingstown School District
Dr. Stringfellow will discuss the district's dual language immersion program from creation and implementation to current demand.
- **Adriana Neira**, Student, University of Rhode Island
Ms. Neira will discuss how being bilingual has helped her in her education and career path.

Session 2: The Benefits of the Arts on Student Performance and the Economy

5:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

- **Randall Rosenbaum**, Executive Director, Rhode Island State Council on the Arts
Mr. Rosenbaum will discuss the arts and its role in the Rhode Island economy.
- **Maggie Anderson**, Director of Arts in Education, Rhode Island State Council on the Arts
Ms. Anderson will discuss the ways that the Council on the Arts assists postsecondary institutions, K-12 school districts, and students by supporting a broader exposure to the world of the arts.
- **Douglas Bosch**, Chair of Visual Arts Department, Rhode Island College
Professor Bosch will discuss Rhode Island College's visual arts programs and degrees and the types of jobs obtained by its graduates.
- **Rebecca Shipe, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Art and Educational Studies, Rhode Island College
Dr. Shipe will discuss the collaboration between Rhode Island College and our K-12 public schools to support art education and how the audience can help support art programs in schools.
- **Paul Carpentier**, Art and Design Educator, Cranston Public Schools
Mr. Carpentier will discuss the benefits of a comprehensive art foundation in cultivating creativity for the minds of the future.

Session 3: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) 5:45 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.

- **Jennifer Dounay Zinth**, Principal Policy Analyst, Education Commission of the States
Ms. Zinth will discuss the national trends regarding STEAM and computer science, specifically increasing women and minority populations that enter STEAM fields, work-based learning opportunities, computer science as a graduation requirement, and AP computer science satisfying a mathematics graduation requirement.
- **Susan C. Lane, Ed.D.**, Senior Director, Policy & Research, New England Board of Higher Education
Dr. Lane will provide a regional look at trends in STEAM fields with particular focus on addressing the expanding workforce needs in New England and a significant call for increasing opportunities for women, minorities, and first-generation students.
- **Brenda Dann-Messier, Ed.D.**, Commissioner of Postsecondary Education
Dr. Dann-Messier will discuss the college readiness of our public school students in STEAM and how we can better align degrees and certificates to address workforce needs.
- **Heather Hudson**, Executive Director, Governor’s Workforce Board
Ms. Hudson will present the labor market data that represents STEAM employment opportunities in Rhode Island.
- **The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma**, Undersea Systems Chief Engineer, Raytheon
Senator DiPalma will discuss the need for a STEAM strategic plan that will lead to an increase in degrees and certificates and a workforce to support various industries in Rhode Island, including the defense industry.
- **Linda Larsen**, Director of Education Outreach & Workforce Development, Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance (SENEDIA)
Ms. Larsen will discuss P-TECH, employment opportunities, and needs in the STEAM fields, and the effect on the Defense Economy in Rhode Island.

Closing Remarks 6:50 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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