



Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

5:30 p.m.

RIDE - Room 501

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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 Monday, August 17, 2026**, 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 Maureen.Dizon@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. June 30, 2026

[Enclosure 2a](#)

3. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Back to School
- State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG)
- Education Innovation and Research (EIR) Grants
- National Youth Science Camp

4. OPEN FORUM

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Attendance
- b. AP Expansion & Graduation Rates
- c. SurveyWorks
- d. State of Education
- e. Staffing Update and Appointment

[Enclosure 5b](#)

[Enclosure 5c](#)

[Enclosure 5e](#)

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of Appointment – Deputy Commissioner
Instructional Programs

[Enclosure 6a](#)

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Update and discussion concerning *USA v. State of R.I., the R.I. Dep't of Education and the Providence School District*, C.A. No. 1:25-cv-466 (D.R.I. 2025)
- b. Update and discussion concerning *De La Comunidad v. Daniel J. McKee, et al.*, C.A. No. 1:26-cv-00503 (D.R.I. 2026)

7. ADJOURNMENT