



RIPEC's
**EDUCATION
FORUM**

EVENT MAY 17, 2023
SCHEDULE

RIPEC K-12 Education Forum
Johnson & Wales University
Harbor View Building

Welcome

8:30 – 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast and Networking

9:00 – 9:15 am

Welcome

Mim L. Runey, LP.D., Chancellor, Johnson & Wales University; Chair, Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council

Opening Remarks

Michael DiBiase, President and CEO, Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council

9:15 – 10:00 am

Panel One: Teacher Workforce and Professional Development

MODERATOR

Victor Mercurio, Ed.D., Associate Professor, Educational Leadership Doctoral Program, Johnson & Wales University

PANELISTS

Danielle Dennis, Ph.D., Dean, Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies, University of Rhode Island

Jeanine Dingus-Eason, Ph.D., Dean, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, Rhode Island College

Frank Flynn, President, Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals

John P. Papay, Ed.D., Associate Professor and Interim Director of the Annenberg Institute, Brown University

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break

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Panel Two: Education Funding

MODERATOR

Paige Clausius-Parks, Executive Director, Rhode Island
Kids Count

PANELISTS

Christopher Blazejewski, Majority Leader, Rhode Island House
of Representatives

Colleen Burns Jermain, Ed.D., Superintendent, Newport
Public Schools

Ryan W. Pearson, Majority Leader, Rhode Island Senate

Kenneth K. Wong, Ph.D., Professor and Walter and Leonore
Annenberg Chair for Education Policy, Brown University

11:00 – 11:15 am

Break

11:15 – 12:00 pm

Panel Three: Innovation and Choice

MODERATOR

Sarah Friedman, Co-Founder, The Learning Community

PANELISTS

William Bryan, Senior Project Executive, Gilbane Building
Company; Chair, Rhode Island Career and Technical Education
Board of Trustees

Michaelle Larracuente, Director of Programs and
Implementation, Highlander Institute

Ramona Santos Torres, Executive Director and Co-Founder,
Parents Leading for Educational Equity

Spencer Sherman, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships,
Linked Learning Alliance

12:00 – 12:15 pm

Break

12:15 – 1:00 pm

Lunch and Keynote Address

Susan F. Lusi, Ph.D., President & CEO, Mass Insight
Education & Research