

NEWSLETTER

Local 1075

April 2024

Meet Our Executive Board:

Kelly Erinakes – President
Debra Lathrop – VP
Elementary
Joe Fagnoli – VP Secondary
Michaela Keenan – Secretary
Greg Wightman – Treasurer
Sue Toohey-Kaye –
Professional Development
Ted Mitchell – Public Relations

Donna Beaudoin – CHS Rep.
John Kelly – CHS Rep.
Matt Paiva – CHS Rep.
Christine Conklin – ASFMS Rep.
Derek Larginho – ASFMS Rep.
Jennifer Limoges – Western Rep.
Kyla Tibets – Western Rep.
Tara D’Aleno – Tiogue Rep.
Julie Marran – Hopkins Hill Rep.
Kristin Hill – Washington Oak Rep.
Michelle Gallagher – Washington Oak Rep.
Helen Tiernan – Blackrock Rep.

Membership Meeting Dates:

May 9th

Join us for the last one this year!



Identity Affirming Classrooms Thought Partner Series

What’s New From AFT PD?

AFT recently launched a virtual learning podcast series: **The Identity Affirming Classrooms Thought Partner Series, Episode 1: Understanding Identity Safety and Creating a Culture of Caring** is now available!

Hear from program facilitator Melanie Hobbs, AFT senior associate director, Educational Issues, and leading authors and researchers Dr. Becki Cohn-Vargas and Dr. Debbie Zacarian (authors of **Identity Safe Spaces at Home and School: Partnering to Overcome Inequity**)

This episode features AFT and I-ACT Design Team member, Audra McPhillips, from the West Warwick Teachers’ Alliance as moderator; and Vinnie Pompei, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, San Diego State University as the guest contributor.

Throughout this virtual learning podcast series, Cohn-Vargas and Zacarian provide listeners with practical, research-based approaches that empower educators, families and students to work together to create and sustain equitable learning communities and dismantle policies and practices that perpetuate stereotype threat, marginalization and “othering.” Each episode includes a guest contributor from the book ([Identity Safe Spaces at Home and School, Partnering to Overcome Inequity](#), whose experiences are a testimony to why schools, families and the community at large must partner to disrupt the harmful effects of systemic racism and discrimination for future generations. You’ll hear about poignant moments in the stories shared where empathy, compassion and caring made a difference and how each contributor to this day uses the agency they gained to influence the lives of others.



Upcoming Episodes:

Release Date: Tuesday, April 30 at 9 a.m. EDT

Episode 2: [Understanding Our Own Identity and Supporting Positive Identity Development](#)

Release Date: Tuesday, May 7 at 9 a.m. EDT

Episode 3: [Harnessing the Power of Connectedness, Cooperation, and Compassion; Building Agency and Resilience; and Moving Away from the “Same Old Habits” to Professional Growth](#)

Register now to listen first, and then join us for an X (formerly known as Twitter) chat on Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m. EDT to extend the dialogue in community with others

CTA Newsletter



Friends of Earl A. Read III

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Place of Employment: _____
 I will attend: _____ Number of Tickets: _____
 I am unable to attend but wish to make a contribution: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
Friends of Earl A. Read III
 109 Colvintown Rd.
 Coventry, RI 02816

Rhode Island State Law prohibits the acceptance of any corporate or business checks for campaign contributions. Only personal and PAC checks are acceptable forms of contributions. Rhode Island State Law also requires a donor's place of employment to be listed. Donations are NOT tax deductible.

You are cordially invited to attend a
Reception
honoring
Earl A. Read III
 ★★ ★ Democratic Candidate ★★ ★
 STATE REPRESENTATIVE • DISTRICT 26

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

V.E.W. Post 449
 197 Providence Street
 West Warwick, RI

Minimum Contribution: \$25.00 Other: \$ _____



Support the Pride in Mental Health Act

Our LGBTQIA+ children face mental health challenges at a higher rate than their peers, and they're often the target of bullying, discrimination and horrible cruelty.

Too often, these challenges play out in our classrooms and our healthcare facilities, but educators and healthcare professionals find themselves strapped for the resources they need to provide meaningful support.

We need your help to ensure the Pride in Mental Health Act is passed in both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

[Click here to start writing!](#)



[Join our Twitter \(X\)](#)

Please Support Earl Read & Help Him Fight For Us!



sharemy lesson

RI Federation of Teachers Virtual PD Series

Many of the RIFT Virtual PD sessions are recordings from the live presentations and are FREE! Visit <https://sites.google.com/riilsr.org/riftppdd/virtual-pd-sessions?authuser=0>. Browse the various recorded sessions, download the presentation and be sure to complete the Google Form for a PLU certificate, if needed.

NATIONAL BOARD for Professional Teaching Standards®

The National Board Academy is back this June 24-27. Our free, 3-day virtual conference is open to all educators and includes a bonus on the 4th day focused on National Board candidacy! You are invited to *Connect, Reflect, Reimagine* through sessions on equity-focused change, teacher leadership and advocacy, and info on pursuing National Board certification. Mark your calendars and stay tuned if interested!

Visit for more information: NBPTS Webinars

Please contact me directly at tooheykayesusan@coventryschools.net with any questions related to this professional development or any professional development!

