

PrepareRI Priorities: May 2019 to October 2019

Governor's Office (GO)

Prioritized strategy	Key Deliverables for October 2019
1. Credentials of Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop a list, backed by data and vetted by industry, of credentials of value to be counted towards our postsecondary attainment goal.

Governor's Workforce Board (GWB)

Prioritized strategy	Key Deliverables for October 2019
1. Work-Based Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Measure skill gains for students in the PrepareRI Internship and Real Skill partnerships using a new survey.Compile data analysis, data highlights, and lessons learned from WBL outcomes assessment pilot for Real Skills summer grantees and internship participants.Create a GWB budget by September that aligns with our work-based learning priorities.
2. Statewide Intermediary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Produce project plan with targets for SkillsRI to strengthen their role as statewide intermediary and partner with schools to increase career exploration and WBL in the classroom during the school year.
3. Youth Apprenticeships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create plan for Year 2 of PrepareRI Youth Apprenticeship Program.Develop initial list of employers/pathways to pursue for Year 2 of the program.Create long-term strategy to expand and strengthen youth apprenticeships.
4. Teacher Externships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Begin pilot in Exeter-West Greenwich through SkillsRI's Real Skills grant.Design a larger teacher externship program.
5. Opportunity Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create an opportunity youth strategy, aligned to the State's WIOA Youth plan, that addresses students ages 16-24 who have left or are at risk of leaving school. That strategy will include programming connecting opportunity youth to career pathways in high-wage, high-demand industries; academic supports and connections to postsecondary, as appropriate; and ongoing support services.Work with RIDE to revise the state's Alternative Learning Plan policies and guidance.
6. Define High-wage High-demand sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GWB defines Priority Sectors (AKA high-wage, high-demand industries) using labor market information.

Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner (OPC)

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1. FAFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 70% of students complete FAFSA form for the 2018-19 pilot. Document lessons learned. Draft a 2019-20 FAFSA Plan, including goals, calendar of events, outreach plan, social media plan, incentives, and a toolkit for schools and districts. Identify a sustainable, long-term funding source for FAFSA Initiative.
2. Postsecondary Internships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successfully implement PrepareRI College Internship Program Pilot (20 students). Compile participation data and lessons learned from pilot program. Draft sustainability plan. Identify funding source(s) to sustain and expand the program for summer 2020. Yearlong engagement plan drafted, including goals, to promote intern recruitment, program growth and partnership support.

Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE)

RIDE Prioritized strategy	Key Deliverables for October 2019
1. PrepareRI Action Plan 2.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Perkins V Plan that institutionalizes PrepareRI's CTE reforms, prioritizes equity of access and participation for underserved populations of RI, and shapes PrepareRI priorities for 2020-2024. Revise PrepareRI Action Plan for 2020-2025.
2. Centralized Enrollment Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch RFP for a new Advanced Course Network platform to simplify enrollment for students and families.
3. Readiness Project: Academic Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch a High School Intervention Pilot Program to increase the number of students who graduate from high school prepared to enter credit-bearing coursework. This includes prioritizing and setting metrics for closing equity gaps.
4. Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop metrics, including leading indicators, for parent and community engagement and set targets for closing any equity gaps. Recruit PrepareRI Ambassadors to lead targeted outreach to each of Rhode Island's four largest language groups. Pilot a Parent Boot Camp to increase parent participation in our programs in at least one district.
5. Work-Based Learning support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a system for measuring high-quality WBL statewide for the upcoming school year, with a focus on industry projects, school-based enterprises, and service learning. Leverage the Career Coordinators Network to develop a structure where educators share and learn best practices for work-based learning in the classroom, with a focus on industry projects, school-based enterprises, and service learning. Identify partners for professional development to increase this type of work-based learning.
6. XQ + RI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award XQ + RI Planning Grants to 20 high schools with compelling plans to reimagine their schools to better serve students. Provide intensive professional development to support the schools' design thinking efforts.