

## COLLEGIATE ENDORSEMENT OF PROFICIENCY-BASED EDUCATION & GRADUATION

Joining other institutions of higher education and the New England Secondary School Consortium in support of stronger academic preparation for postsecondary study, leading to increased collegiate enrollments and higher completion rates in our degree programs, we, the undersigned:

1. Endorse proficiency-based approaches to instruction, assessment, reporting, and graduation that establish universally high learning standards and expectations for all students in K-12 schools.
2. Accept a wide range of student transcripts if they meet our stated admissions requirements and provide a full and accurate presentation of what an applicant has learned and accomplished.
3. Pledge that applicants to our institutions with proficiency-based transcripts will not be disadvantaged in any way.

This endorsement recognizes that strong educational preparation benefits our students, our faculty, and our institution, and toward these ends we strongly support proficiency-based teaching practices, assessments, report cards, graduation decisions, and other strategies that can increase student preparation for higher education, modern careers, and lives of active, informed citizenship.



*Agreed on this Day  
April 5, 2013*



*Ray M. Di Pasquale*  
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Commissioner of Higher Education



University of Rhode Island  
Rhode Island College  
Community College of Rhode Island