

Convention Highlights

Wednesday, November 15

As we reflect on our 100th birthday, it is appropriate to look back at the overall history and purpose of education in Virginia. How better to accomplish those goals than to hear from two unique colonial leaders who had much to say on the subject of education. We will open our convention with a debate on the role of education by Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry. It will be lively, entertaining and thought-provoking. It will be unique and not to be missed.

Thursday, November 16

To continue the 100th birthday celebration of the VSBA will be three other unique characters - NSBA Executive Director Anne Bryant, AASA (American Association of School Administrators) Executive Director Paul Houston and NSBA President Jane Gallucci. These three will offer their opinions on the future of superintendents, school boards and education in general. This session will also be lively, entertaining and thought-provoking. Hear what these visionaries think YOUR legacy will be 100 years from now.

Convention Seminars

Based on evaluations and school board members' suggestions, seminars will be held all day Thursday. Over 30 different seminars will be held in areas such as boardsmanship and governance, school operations, instructional innovations, legislative and legal issues, and community engagement. In order to provide a more detailed description of the day's agenda, visit the 2006 VSBA Annual Convention section of the VSBA website at www.vsba.org. A listing of all Thursday's breakouts will be emailed the first week of October. If you cannot access the website or receive email, your school board clerk will be sent a copy to print for you.

Friday, November 17

Concluding the Convention will be Dr. James H. Johnson, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Management at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Johnson will present an eye-opening look at the changing demographic patterns and issues that school boards can expect to see over the next ten years.