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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April was a very busy month for your VSBA leadership. We started the month at the National School Boards Association Annual Conference in San Antonio. Among the highlights were NSBA President Kevin Ciak speaking at our breakfast, two of our Divisions receiving Magna Awards (Newport News and Prince William), and having seven districts being recognized by the Center for Digital Education. Virginia is a national leader in education, and we all need help sharing this message across the Commonwealth. Your VSBA leadership team also stood out at the Delegate Assembly. As we participated in the deliberations, we said the same thing – “All means all” when it comes to student achievement or any other item related to schools. My personal takeaway was that the power of a policy statement related to all children is watered down when we begin to include examples with wording like such as “including but not limited to.” When we are referring to student equity, all means all; period. I’m glad that we in Virginia know how to keep it simple.

VSBA also presented an excellent Hot Topic Conference on student equity at the Chesterfield Career and Technical Center in April. One of the presenters made a wonderful statement; we do not have an achievement gap, rather we have an equity gap. This is particularly evident when we look at the State funding of K-12 education. On a per pupil basis, the State funding today is approximately what it was in 2006. That’s means each of our local School Boards has absorbed costs equal to inflation over this period that represents over 20% (higher utilities, higher medical costs, higher labor costs, etc.). While the state funding formula does not address children coming from a challenging environment, this inability to maintain parity with increasing costs is widening the equity gap, and placing challenges on each of our individual School Boards and our local communities.

I have frequently observed that the problems we all face (like funding) are very similar, and this has been reinforced as I have traveled the Commonwealth to attend regional meetings. Several of them focused on excellent partnerships that exist between Virginia post-secondary

institutions and local school systems. They were great examples of how we have partnered with a part of education that not long ago may have been viewed as the competition. The examples of collaboration were great and focused on what we all desire – student achievement and workforce readiness. Just like we are addressing the school to prison pipeline, Dr. Pat Huber President of New River Community College reminded us that we must ensure that we do not graduate high school seniors to the unemployment line.

VSBA’s mission is Leadership, Advocacy and Support. VSBA staff and our Board are here to support you. We had excellent participation of VSBA Board members at all of the regional meetings. I personally appreciate all of the extra time the Regional Chairs and At-Large members put in so that we all could have a better first hand understanding of the needs, challenges and successes across the State. This similarity of challenges is why we must continue to advocate as one voice for public K-12 education. VSBA is a leader in educational policy, and enjoyed a great year in the General Assembly. This is in large part due to the efforts of all of our members. Advocacy is a key component of VSBA and a role each of us plays as a local Board Member. You responded and contacted your local Delegates and Senators when our requests went out. Thank You! The words of Benjamin Franklin are very fitting when we think of our advocacy efforts; “we must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately”. We demonstrated VSBA knows how to hang together!

In closing, education is transforming. The new Virginia Profile of a Graduate is based on “5 C’s”: critical thinking, creative thinking, collaboration, communication and citizenship. As Board members I do not think we can stop there. I believe we need a 6th “C” for School Boards - Compromise. More on that next month.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the School Law Conference June 1st. In the meantime, thanks again for all you do for the students of our Commonwealth.



Gina G. Patterson
VSBA Executive Director

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I hope everyone who attended the NSBA Annual Conference in San Antonio came away with new ideas to take back to your local divisions. It was great to see so many of you in attendance at the annual Virginia Breakfast bright and early on Saturday morning. A special thanks goes to VMDO Architects for sponsoring the annual breakfast.

Congratulations to two Virginia School divisions recognized by the American School Board Journal's 2018 Magna Awards program. Newport News Public Schools and Prince William County Public Schools were among the national winners selected in the annual program, sponsored by the magazine and Sodexo. The Magna Awards were initiated to recognize local school boards for taking bold and innovative steps to improve their educational programs. Both divisions will present at the VSBA Annual Convention in November.

Now that spring weather has finally arrived, the VSBA has continued to attend the annual spring networking forums. Thank you to all of the divisions who have planned, hosted, and attended the spring forums this year. The Central and Tidewater meetings were featured in the previous newsletter and the Northeastern meeting was cancelled due to weather. Below is a summary from the remaining regions.

Eastern Region

The Eastern Region hosted its rescheduled forum on April 18 at Colonial Beach Elementary School. Regional Chairman Iris Lane from Westmoreland County presided over the evening's agenda. The session featured a panel discussion from representatives from Rappahannock Community College, Germanna Community College, the University of Mary Washington, Caroline County Public Schools, King George County Public Schools, and Gloucester County Public Schools.

Southwest Region

The Southwest Region Forum was held on April 19th at Russell County Career and Technology Center. Regional Chairman Paul Grinstead, Smyth County, presided over the session which featured a presentation on Cybersecurity. Student performers from Honaker High School entertained the attendees after the presentation.

Southern Region

The Southern Region hosted its forum on April 23 in Mecklenburg County. Regional Chairman James Coleman from Lynchburg City presided over the evening's agenda. A combined concert band from both of the high school's bands entertained throughout the evening. The Virginia Secretary of Education Atif Qarni brought greetings at the session and the speaker was Jean Clary-Bagley, a public school advocate and local real estate broker.

Valley Region

The Valley Region forum was held at the new Bluestone Elementary School in Harrisonburg City. The session was led by Regional Chairman Teresa Ellison, Buena Vista City. Students provided tours of their new building and the food service staff provided a healthy meal featuring local fruit and vegetables. The speaker was President of Blue Ridge Community College who discussed the partnership between community colleges and public schools.

Southside Region

The Southside Region hosted its forum on April 30 at Nottoway High School. Regional Chairman Kenneth Pritchett from Petersburg City presided over the evening's agenda. Students performed an exciting excerpt from Seussical Jr. The session featured staff members from Chesterfield County who discussed using PBIS in their schools.

Blue Ridge Region

The region meetings wrapped up on May 1 with the Blue Ridge Forum hosted by Radford City Schools. Regional Chairman Beckie Cox from Pulaski County led the session. The speaker was the President of New River Community College. A student from Radford High School performed during the session.

We look forward to seeing all of you on June 1st for the VSBA School Law Conference at the Hilton Shortpump in Richmond.

Thanks for all that you do.



(l to r) VSBA President-Elect Tyrone Foster, Past-President Bob Hundley, President Scott Albrecht, and Executive Director Gina Patterson at the NSBA Delegate Assembly.



Newport News City Public Schools and Prince William County Public Schools Earn National Recognition

Magna Awards recognize educational equity in public schools.

Newport News City Public Schools and Prince William County Public Schools are being recognized in the 24th annual Magna Awards program sponsored by the National School Boards Association's *American School Board Journal*. The Magna Awards recognize school divisions and their leaders for their efforts to bring educational equity to their students. An independent panel of school board members, administrators, and other educators selected the winners from over 100 submissions. **Only 18 school divisions nationwide were recognized.**



Newport News City Public Schools is a Grand Prize Magna Award Winner in the over 20,000 enrollment category for Equity and Success for English Learners. The school division has seen a 600 percent increase in the number of ESL students in the past decade enrolled in their schools where more than 52 languages are spoken, and many students come with limited or no schooling in their home countries. School division officials have responded to the needs of the students by providing specialized training for ESL teachers and regular classroom teachers, translation services, parent classes, and other support for students and families. See more at <https://www.nsba.org/newsroom/american-school-board-journal/asbj-april-2018/breaking-down-barriers/equity-and-success>.

Prince William County Public Schools is a Magna Award Winner in the over 20,000 enrolment category for Advanced Programs for All, which included a comprehensive approach to improve overall student participation and success in advanced courses, specifically Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Cambridge courses. The focus extended beyond increasing participation to enabling students to boost pass rates on the associated exams. The school board agreed to fund all AP, IB, and Cambridge tests, which removed another financial barrier for economically disadvantaged students. See more at <https://www.nsba.org/newsroom/american-school-board-journal/asbj-april-2018/breaking-down-barriers/advanced-programs-all>.

Congratulations to Newport News City and Prince William County Public Schools for their recognition as a Magna Award winner in the 2018 Magna Awards.

National Survey Honors School Districts for Pioneering Uses of Technology

Now in its 14th year, the Digital School Districts Survey Awards recognize exemplary use of technology by school boards and districts. The awards are presented by the Center for Digital Education at the National School Boards Association annual conference each spring.

Large Student Population Category

(12,000 students or more)

- Hampton City Public Schools
- Roanoke County Public Schools

Mid-sized Student Population Category

(3,000 - 12,000 students)

- Charlottesville City Schools
- Henry County Public Schools
- Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools

Small Student Population Category

(3,000 students or less)

- Goochland County Public Schools
- Staunton City Public Schools

For the full list of winners from 2017-2018, please visit: <http://www.centerdigitaled.com/awards/digital-districts/National-Survey-Awards-School-Districts-for-Pioneering-Uses-of-Technology.html>





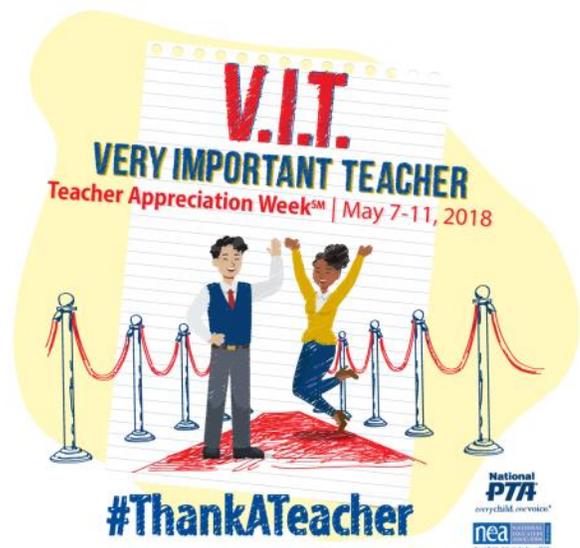
Legislative Update

As they were unable to resolve their impasse before Sine Die, the General Assembly recently reconvened for a special budget session on April 11th. The House of Delegates introduced and passed another version of the budget that was almost identical to their previous version, but now dictates that any additional state revenue generated be allocated to state savings to maintain Virginia’s credit rating. The Senate recently announced that they will meet on May 14th to discuss their own version of a budget. At issue, the House and Senate remain divided over whether to expand Medicaid, with Governor Northam in favor of expansion. A state budget must be passed by July 1st to avoid a government shutdown.

In other news, House of Delegates Speaker Kirk Cox announced the creation of a Select Committee on School Safety to review state and local policies relating to school security and protection. This is the first time in more than 150 years that a select committee has been formed and was done so in response to the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida. The bipartisan committee will include 12 Republicans and 10 Democrats. The Delegates serving will be: Kirk Cox (Chair), Steve Landes, Chris Jones, Tommy Wright, Rob Bell, Danny Marshall (Vice Chair), Todd Gilbert, Chris Peace, Barry Knight, Roxann Robinson, Israel O’Quinn, Nick Rush, Vivian Watts, Mark Sickles, David Toscano, Charniele Herring, Luke Torian, Paul Krizek, Steve Heretick, Mike Mullin, Jeff Bourne, and Schuyler VanValkenburg.

As always, if you are interested in becoming more involved with VSBA’s advocacy efforts or have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeremy Bennett, government relations specialist at jeremy@vsba.org. Thank you again for your support and active engagement of VSBA’s advocacy and legislative initiatives.

FOLLOW VSBA ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Virginia Secretary of Education Atif Qarni has encouraged School Board Members to participate in Teacher Appreciation Week. [As the letter details](#), Teacher Appreciation Week will take place May 7th through May 11th. The event is an opportunity to recognize and thank past and present teachers for their service and dedication to education and our children. The Secretary is asking that School Board members engage with teachers through a variety of methods to highlight the good work teachers do daily in classrooms across the Commonwealth. More information on how to participate and publicize your efforts is contained within the letter.

We kindly ask that you send any photos or stories from the week to jeremy@vsba.org so that we can further showcase how beneficial our teachers are to public education. Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of our schools!



Division Spotlight: Fredericksburg City Public Schools

In each newsletter VSBA will spotlight a recent initiative or best practice taking place in a school division in Virginia. If you have a story you would like to submit for inclusion in the spotlight section of the VSBA Newsletter, please contact Samantha Bosserman, director of communications and board development, for more information. We look forward to hearing about the great things going on in your divisions.

Short Stop for Success

Submitted by Fredericksburg City Public Schools

Short Stop for Success (S³) is an alternative to suspension initiative for students in grades four through six. S³ allows students with discipline infractions to obtain individualized academic and social-emotional support in lieu of out-of-school suspension. S³ staff members identify problematic student behaviors to be extinguished in order to form conduct patterns that are aligned with our schools' behavioral expectations. Participation in S³ requires a temporary change in student placement so the student may work individually with S³ staff to improve his/her perspectives concerning success in school.



A stringent placement criterion must be carefully met before students are enrolled into S³. For example, certain school-based interventions must be initiated, such as, extensive parent outreach; mental health support; and a behavior interventional plan (BIP) must be written. The student's assigned school-based teacher will be enlisted to help develop the BIP and will be trained in its effective use by the appropriate mental health providers. Other interventions include RTI referrals and close examination of the triggers that result in behavioral disruptions. Following a determination that the placement criteria has been met, the S³ program coordinator will arrange a conference to further consider entry into the program.

Once it has been decided that the student meets the program enrollment criteria, a *Placement Conference* is undertaken to further examine the viability and appropriateness of placement. At the conference, the student and his/her parent meet with the program coordinator, base-school administrator and a second school administrator. A *Student Information Packet* or SIP is reviewed to examine the child's academic profile, discipline history, response to intervention and reaction to mental health support. An overview of the S³ program is provided to the student and parent. Academic courses and class meeting patterns are explained and possible goals are considered for the child to attain while in the program. After extensive review of the SIP, a decision is made concerning placement.



Students who are enrolled into S³ follow a core academic schedule that is specific to his/her individualized need. S³ staff closely analyze student achievement data in English and mathematics and develop an action plan to remediate those deficits upon return to his/her base school. All enrolled students follow an academic schedule, which entails literacy and numeracy instruction, health and wellness care, and, social-emotional support to develop replacement behaviors. After a pre-determined period of time, the student will begin a gradual transition back to his/her base school with the implementation of a formal transition plan.

The transition plan begins with a transition conference with the following staff members: program coordinator, student, parent, counselor and a school-based administrator. The transition plan first examines the student's academic and behavioral progress in S³. Next a review of behavioral expectations at the base school is provided. Finally, the student is oriented to a "success coach", who will support the child as he/she reenters his/her assigned school.



NSBA Annual Conference Recap

Over 80 school board members and superintendents travelled from April 5– 9 to San Antonio, Texas to attend the National School Board Association’s Annual Conference. The popular Virginia breakfast featured NSBA President Kevin Ciak from New Jersey. The Virginia breakfast was generously sponsored by VMDO. Virginia had great representation at the Conference with multiple school divisions receiving awards and presenting breakout sessions highlighting programs in Virginia’s public schools.



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Thank You VMDO for sponsoring the Virginia Breakfast at the NSBA Annual Conference





2018 VSBA BUSINESS HONOR ROLL

Local businesses have the power to shape community attitudes, especially as schools face increasing budget uncertainty. The Business Honor Roll helps divisions say “thank you” for their vital contributions. Congratulations to the following businesses that were recognized.

Alexandria City

Alexandria Soccer Association
Alexandria Transit Co. (DASH)
Running Brooke

Alleghany County

Blue Ridge Lumber Company
CVS of Covington
Northwest True Value

Bath County

BARC Electric Cooperative

Caroline County

Grand Canyon University
YMCA
MC Dean

Charles City County

Cul’s Courthouse Grille
Indian Fields Tavern
J.W. Canaday Trucking, Inc.

Craig County

Adams Construction Company

Cumberland County

Cumberland Clothes Closet
Clark Properties

Dinwiddie County

Elite Contracting Group

Fairfax City

Paint Your Own Pottery
Triway International Group
Business Benefits Group

Fairfax County

Innovation Health
Trademasters Service Corporation
Westfield Business Owners Assoc.

Falls Church City

Hilton Garden Inn Falls Church
Todd Hitt, Kiddar Capital
Markon

Floyd County

Citizens
Floyd County Store
The June Bug Center

Frederick County

H.N. Funkhouser & Company

Fredericksburg City

Businets, Inc.

Giles County

Chemical Lime
New River Health District
Celco Community Credit Union

Gloucester County

Body By “D”
WXGM Radio Station
Gloucester County Sheriff’s Dept.

Goochland County

Carter Machinery
New Day Construction
Wilbros T&D Service East

Hampton City

Spirit of Norfolk

Henry County

Boxley Materials Company
JOANN Fabric and Craft
Radial, Inc.

Isle of Wight County

Bayport Credit Union
Rolls-Royce Crosspointe
Windsor True Value

King George County

NSWC Federal Credit Union
Subway-Walmart #5779
(Amar Patel)
Access Eye Centers

Loudoun County

Boulder Crest Military & Veteran
Retreat
Cheers Sports
Great Country Farms

Louisa County

Lake Anna Golf Carts
Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company
of Central VA
Tri-Dim Filter Corporation

Manassas City

CenterFuse/Impacto Youth
Lockheed Martin RMS
Miller Toyota of Manassas

Manassas Park City

Apple Federal Credit Union
Novant Health-UVA Health System
Prince William Medical Center
Foundation

Mathews County

Stewart’s Title & Carpet Center

Mecklenburg County

Clarksville Ruritans
YMCA of Clarksville & Chase City
Microsoft

Middlesex County

Atlantic Metal Products
Church View Septic Service
Deltaville Maritime Museum

Norton City

DoughMakers Pizza
Dairy Queen
Pathfinders Outdoor Adventures

Petersburg City

A.P. Things
Owen Printing Co.
USI Insurance Services

Prince George County

Big Lots!
Luca Italian Restaurant
Thacker Ace Hardware

Prince William County

C&A Scientific
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
Wells Fargo

Pulaski County

State Farm Ins.-
Agent Webb Donald
Martin’s Pharmacy
Lewis Gale Hospital Pulaski

Radford City

Eleven West, Inc.
Harvey’s Chevrolet
Moog Aspen Motion Technologies

Rappahannock County

Headwaters Foundation

Shenandoah County

Shenandoah Memorial Hospital
Foundation
Shentel
Valley Health-Shenandoah
Memorial Hospital

Spotsylvania County

Foresters Financial Services, Inc.
Walden University
Welburn Management-McDonalds

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2018 VSBA BUSINESS HONOR ROLL CONTINUED

Staunton City

Domino's Pizza
Jollivue United Methodist Church
Ryzing Technologies

Surry County

Ace Charter Service, Inc.
Dominion Energy, Inc.
Mid-Atlantic Broadband
Communities Corp. (MBC)

Tazewell County

Clinch Valley Health

Warren County

Front Royal Mobil
Marlow Motor, Inc.
The Apple House

West Point Town

Robert Lawrence
Edward Jones Investments
Modr's Service Center

Williamsburg/James City County

Coresix Precision Glass, Inc.
RE/MAX Central Realty
Walmart Import Dist. Cntr #6088

Winchester City

Annandale Millwork/Frogale
Lumber

York County

ITA International
King's Creek Plantation
Rand Enterprises

SCHOOL SECURITY OFFICERS

In a changing world that includes dangerous and violent threats, our school leaders, administration, and staffs must work harder than ever to meet safety requirements and provide a secure learning environment. This is a complicated challenge but VACORP has created a solution to give school divisions the tools to meet the challenge.

In an effort to provide essential safety and security for our students, Virginia school boards are now hiring School Security Officers (SSO). SSOs are different from School Resource Officers (SRO), which are employed by law enforcement agencies and provided liability coverage through that agency. When school boards hire SSOs to maintain order and discipline, prevent crime, investigate school board policy violations, and ensure the safety, security, and welfare of all students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the school, they need law enforcement liability protection. Pursuant to § 22.1-280.2:1, SSOs may carry firearms if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. was an active law enforcement officer in the Commonwealth within the last 10 years
2. was in good standing when left previous law-enforcement-officer position
3. has met the required training and qualifications
4. has completed specific coursework, including active shooter emergency response, emergency evacuation procedure, and threat assessment trainings
5. chief law enforcement officer of the locality verifies that the SSO can legally carry a firearm
6. local school board grants authority for SSO to carry a firearm

Our Solution

As the principal provider of liability coverage for Virginia school divisions, VACORP provides optional Law Enforcement Liability coverage for SSOs employed by school divisions. Coverage is available whether or not the officers carry firearms. This program provides the proper legal protection for the school division and the officer, while addressing this critical community need. The coverage cost is based on the number of hired SSOs and whether they carry firearms.

Benefits to You

VACORP strives to provide for the ever-changing coverage needs of all members. This program provides school divisions the opportunity to meet safety and security challenges, while providing the requisite law enforcement liability coverage for school divisions employing school security officers.

For more information about this program, please contact VACORP at:
info@riskprograms.com or 844-986-2705



2018 Spring Regional Forums

Portsmouth City Students Serving Dessert at the Tidewater Forum



Student Performers at the Southwest Forum



Attendees at the Southern Forum



Colonial Beach Students Performing at the Eastern Forum



Nelson County CTE Students Demonstrating Projects at the Central Forum



Attendees at the Valley Forum



Nottoway County student performers at the Southside



Student Artwork at the Blue Ridge Forum



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Ask the Legal Expert

- Q. When does a newly-enacted statute go into effect?**
- A. The general rule is that new laws passed by the General Assembly go into effect on July 1 following their passage. Occasionally the General Assembly will determine that special circumstances require an individual law to go into effect immediately. When a law goes into effect immediately, the bill clearly reflects that. When a bill posted on the Legislative Information System website is marked "approved", that means it has been approved by the Governor, not that it goes into effect immediately.

See previous "Ask the Legal Experts" online at http://www.vsba.org/services/legal_services/ask_the_experts/

Current VSBA Superintendent Searches

Brunswick County– Deadline to apply May 17

For additional information on the VSBA Superintendent Search Services, please visit: http://www.vsba.org/services/superintendent_search_assistance/



VSBA Affiliate Member Profiles

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Many school divisions work closely with **Source4Teachers**, represented by Joseph Fitzgerald and Russell Leboff from **ESS**. Recently, the two companies merged and acquired additional companies to become the largest education-only provider of K-12 substitute staffing services in the US. The organization proudly serves over 600 school systems nationwide with **11 school division partners in Virginia**.

ESS is a continuing sponsor and VSBA partner – a new name, but the same great staffing services many of you have come to know. VSBA looks forward to continuing to work with **ESS** to ensure Virginia students have an excellent educational experience, every day.

Please contact **ESS** if you have any questions or need additional information, also available at **ESS.com** – or simply stop by to say hello at the next VSBA event.



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UPCOMING EVENTS, WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

May 14 & 15, 2018

[TWO PART WEBINAR: Intentional Governance in Practice: School board actions related to improved achievement](#)

LOCATION: Online

DETAIL: School boards and the districts they serve are busy about a multitude of things. It is difficult, but of paramount importance, that the school board maintain a consistent and tight focus on the number one priority of a school district. Improving student learning cannot get lost in the shuffle. School boards, together with their administrative team, need to have a plan, monitor the plan for success, and make adjustments when needed. This webinar highlights essential elements of intentional governance for improved student learning. This includes setting SMART goals for improved student learning, regular monitoring through interim assessments, and ongoing conversation among the board and superintendent for improved results.

May 24, 2018

[FREE Webinar: What Can You Do With VSBA BoardDocs](#)

LOCATION: Online

DETAIL: Are you ready to transform your Board's governance meetings? Whether you're using paper packets and binders, or exploring "online" options such as PDFs, Google, Dropbox or the like for your board meeting management, you can benefit from this informative Webinar. Learn how a board management solution transforms the governance process from start to finish. With enhanced features to develop board agendas, minutes and other meeting management functions, you can prepare for meetings efficiently and quickly. Advanced search functions allow you to find and retrieve documents in seconds.

June 1, 2018

[VSBA School Law Conference](#)

LOCATION: Short Pump Hilton

DETAIL: Your school division needs you, your superintendent, and your attorney to be at the 2018 VSBA School Law Conference. Why? Because many of the decisions you make have legal implications that will impact your school division for years to come. Be informed and be prepared! Sessions include: Title IX: The Legacy and Lessons; The Virginia Board of Education's Profile of a Graduate; Data, Data Everywhere; Legal/Legislative update from the 2018 General Assembly.

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July 16, 2018

[VSBA Orientation for New School Board Members & Superintendents](#)

LOCATION: Richmond Marriott

DETAIL: Becoming a new school board member or superintendent is an honor and a privilege. Enjoy a successful and less stressful transition by attending the VSBA Orientation for New Board Members & Superintendents. Many important topics will be covered, including school law, parliamentary procedure, budgets, board/superintendent roles, teamwork, and more. Don't miss this popular event, now with extended sessions, which is a "must" for all new board members and superintendents!

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July 16, 2018

[VSBA Orientation for New Chairmen & Vice-Chairmen](#)

LOCATION: Richmond Marriott

DETAIL: Have you recently been selected as your school board's new chairman or vice-chairman? If so, don't miss the VSBA Orientation for New Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen, which has been especially designed to help you become more comfortable with your new role and responsibilities. Experts in a variety of areas will address many important topics, such as the legal authority of the chairman, handling media inquiries, parliamentary procedure, optimizing the chair/superintendent relationship, and ethical considerations as a board chair. You will also have the opportunity to network with other new chairmen and vice-chairmen from across Virginia.

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July 17, 2018

[VSBA Conference on Education](#)

LOCATION: Richmond Marriott

DETAIL: Join hundreds of school division leaders from across Virginia at the 33rd annual VSBA Conference on Education. Attendees will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of mini-workshops which highlight successful practices in Virginia's school divisions. Participants will leave with many great insights and practical ideas. After the roundtable presentations, attendees will break into regional meetings to discuss pertinent issues coming up for their particular regions.

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"The status quo is the status quo because people who have the power to make changes are uncomfortable with the way things are. It takes energy to make changes, and the energy must come from the people and not result from the change."

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Not pictured: Tyrone Foster, Janet Turner-Giles

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