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COVID-19 Weekly Update



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A Statement from the VSBA Board of Directors



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June 4, 2020

A Statement from the VSBA Board of Directors:

Around the Commonwealth, and throughout our country, there is tremendous amount of pain, and frustration over the killing of George Floyd. Many of our students have seen the video showing this violent and horrific act of injustice, resulting in immeasurable fear, anxiety, and trauma that will have long lasting effects. All of our students deserve to feel safe in their schools and in their communities. As an organization, the Virginia School Boards Association is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion and has long led by example when it comes to equity. Over the past seven years, VSBA has provided training and support to many of you as you have engaged in work around equity within your divisions and through our task forces. In the face of recent events, we are hopeful you can see the value of that work. Do not underestimate the significance of this moment in time, see it in the larger context of educating all children. At VSBA our work in supporting you in the development of an equity focus in your school divisions is about assisting you in helping your students thrive in a diverse world that is bigger than race, socio-economic status, or political party affiliation. We all have a responsibility to create a more just society where ALL children are seen in their fullest humanity.

Let us not forget it was just last year that Virginians commemorated the first Africans landing at Jamestown Colony in 1619. So, it stands that we as the Virginia School Boards Association should enhance our commitment to our African and African American history and heritage for the benefit of all.

We need to continue to talk about race and to better understand its history and the impact it has in our schools and in our communities. As division leaders, school board members are uniquely positioned to govern by example. As leaders who have been entrusted to care for our most precious resource, we must not rest until all students are treated with the same humanity, dignity, and value that each child deserves.

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Resources, News & Updates

We have compiled a multitude of resources for school board members, and school divisions to consult. For the entire collection please visit the VSBA COVID-19 resource page available at the link below.

In addition we have compiled a list of at-home learning resources that are available online for students who are home due to COVID-19. This list will be updated as additional resources become available. This is not an exclusive list, nor does this constitute an endorsement by VSBA for any of the included programs.



Leveraging Social and Emotional Learning to Support...

This post is part of LPI's This is the first in a two-part series on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) in the time of COVID-19. Read Part 2 here. Learning in the Time of COVID-19 blog series, which explores evidence-based and equity-focused...

[Read more](#)
learningpolicyinstitute.org

CDC Releases New Guidance

To view the guidance released for schools and Day Camps follow the link here:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-day-camps.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM29601

To view the guidance release for Direct Service Providers, Caregivers, Parents and People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders follow the link here:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/developmental-behavioral-disorders.html>



How Districts, States Can Survive the COVID-19 Recession

Are district leaders prepared for the fiscal firestorm bearing down on them from the coronavirus pandemic, even as they struggle to get their disrupted school systems back on track? The Lehman Brothers collapse in September 2008 sparked the start ...

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Thank you for following our updates.

Stay tuned for more information, and for any questions please contact
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2020- 2021 VSBA Conference Dates

We've received lots of inquiries about VSBA's schedule of upcoming conferences and events.

Here's the latest information.

[2020-2021 VSBA Events Schedule](#)



2020 VSBA Conference Dates

School Law Conference	June 5, 2020	Virtual
Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents	July 20, 2020	Virtual
Conference on Education	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
Title IX Workshop	September 17, 2020	VSBA Offices
Legislative Advocacy Conference	September 24, 2020	Virtual
Superintendent Evaluation Session	October 7, 2020	VSBA Offices
Annual Convention	November 18-20, 2020	Williamsburg Lodge

2021 VSBA Conference Dates

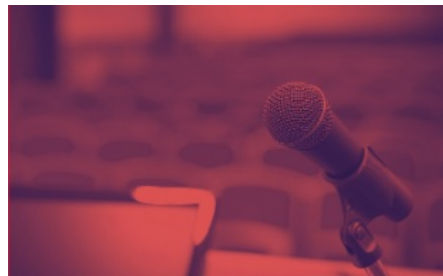
Capital Conference	January 25, 2021	Richmond
Winter Orientations	January 26, 2021	Richmond
Southwest Hot Topic Conference	March 17, 2021	Wytheville
Hot Topic Conference	April 13, 2021	Charlottesville
School Law Conference	June 4, 2021	Richmond
Summer Orientations	July 19, 2021	Richmond
Conference on Education	July 20, 2021	Richmond
Legislative Advocacy Conference	September 23, 2021	Charlottesville
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Thank you to SandsAnderson for sponsoring the 2020 VSBA School Law Conference on June 5, 2020. We were joined by Brad King, Nicole Cheuk , Wade Anderson and Cynthia Hudson as they brought greetings to the Conference Attendees.

Registration for Upcoming Events

Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents
Monday, July 20, 2020
Virtual Event



**REGISTER
HERE**

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 the roles and responsibilities of board/ superintendents, how to work with your local appropriating body, school law, parliamentary procedure and school board budget basics. Don't miss this important virtual orientation which is a "must" for all new board members and superintendents!

Reopening Public Schools: Personnel and Special Education Issues in a Changed World

Tuesday, July 21, 2020
Paid Webinar



**REGISTER
HERE**

The webinar will focus on the many personnel and special education issues confronting school divisions around the Commonwealth as they try to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and extended school closures. There will be discussion of new legislation, state and federal guidance, and practical considerations as schools prepare for the 2020-21 school year facing new challenges. We hope you can join us for this conversation!

Cost: \$150 per connection (unlimited number of participants per connection). REGISTRATION FOR THE

VSBA Events, Education & Updates

Here are the latest updates to the VSBA Schedule, and planned development.

- June 9, 2020, Cyber Security and Telecommuting- Hot Topics with so many working from home amid the COVID-19 threat, Free Webinar- [register here!](#)
- June 10, 2020, Rethinking Redistricting: Policy- Making for more Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Schools, Free Webinar- [register here!](#)
- July 20, 2020, VSBA Orientation for New School Board Members and Superintendents, **Now Virtual-** [register here!](#)
- July 21, 2020, VSBA Conference on Education, **Cancelled**

Please keep an eye on our upcoming events. As we continue to consult the VDH, CDC, and WHO for guidelines on gatherings we will continue to release updates. See below for opportunities for development you can take advantage of now.

[Register for an Upcoming Live Webinar](#)

[Listen to the VSBA: School Board News](#)

[Read the Latest VSBA Newsletter](#)

[View the List of Available Webinars on Demand](#)

[Read the Latest Federal Advocacy Report](#)



Webinars Available On Demand

FREE SPEECH FOR ME BUT NOT FOR THEE: ISSUES PRESENTED WHEN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS COMMUNICATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SCHOOL BOARDS & THE FIRST AMENDMENT: 5 THINGS EVERY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MUST KNOW

BUILDING A HIGH IMPACT BOARD-SUPERINTENDENT RELATIONSHIP

BASIC PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: RULES TO GOVERN

[Click here for more information and to view all available.](#)



