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### **Schools as a Healing Place**

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Schools are one of the great cornerstones of not just our communities, but our entire society. Join SodexoMagic for a panel discussion on how schools can build stronger, healthier learning communities by getting the best out of their spaces while keeping people at the heart of everything they do. This session will present research-backed, systemic approaches to supporting student performance and wellbeing that can optimize experiences today while planning for a shifting future with a focus on the shared spaces where students come together to connect - from the cafeteria, to the library, to the athletic field.

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### **Masking, Where Do We Go From Here?**

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In this mini-workshop attendees will receive a brief look at current status, legal, and practical issues going forward from the pandemic. Topics that will be discussed include masking of staff, and/or students, in light of Seaman litigation; rights of students with disabilities, exemptions, etc. The presenter of this mini-workshop, Mr. Cafferky, has been involved as the lead counsel or counsel for amicus in three lawsuits thus far.


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### **Relationships Between Schools and Law Enforcement**

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In this mini-workshop learn about the relationship between Fluvanna County Public Schools and local law enforcement, as this relationship doesn't need to be controversial. Using a focus on a shared vision for education and learning, these partnerships can thrive and provide critical support and opportunity for students and families. In this mini-workshop attendees will learn about the transformational partnership between Fluvanna's schools and Sheriff's Office and the people and programs that have made it such a success.





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# 2022 Conference on Education Mini-Workshops At a Glance

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## **Empowering Student Leadership As We Grow Our Own**

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Caroline County Public Schools (CCPS) has a potpourri of engaging student programs that were developed to empower students to be leaders in their community and beyond. In this presentation, CCPS will highlight the Student School Board Representative Program, JA Hero Program, Teachers For Tomorrow Program, Call Me Mister Program, and the Career Connections Cohort. The purpose of these programs are to ensure our graduates are 3-E Ready: Enrolled, Enlisted, and Employed! Each program creates an opportunity for students to explore today to impact tomorrow.

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## **Student IT Intern Program**

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Student IT interns perform many technological duties for Cumberland County Public Schools (CCPS). This presentation will cover how CCPS recruits and develops students to perform many of the technology responsibilities for the school division. Responsibilities include the following: responding to support tickets to diagnose and fix reported issues, maintaining inventory, deploying images, and performing other basic network duties as needed.


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## **Budget-Neutral Infrastructure Improvements**

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In approximately 20-25% of school districts nationally, more than 50% of their schools need upgrades. All buildings need periodic maintenance, repair, and replacement. School facilities often experience significant deferrals of maintenance and repair due to the lack of available funding. With increased federal funding flowing, school districts struggle to cope with rising costs, supply chain issues and availability of skilled maintenance and construction staff. Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) can help design and implement an Energy Performance Contract that will integrate a variety of energy conservation measures (ECMs) to provide infrastructure improvements with an absolute, statutorily required guarantee which insures that savings generated will cover project costs.





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### **Making Math Irresistible**

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Within this mini-workshop presentation Dr. Shah and Ms. Stanbery will explore why 56% of kids would rather eat broccoli than do math, and why over half of US adults have uttered the phrase "I can't do math." Participants in this session will engage in and reflect on two contrasting math tasks. Dr. Shah and Ms. Stanbery will use these experiences to discuss how they can transform math class from a place of boredom to a place of curiosity, thinking, and joy!

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### **PWCS Nutrition Best-In-Class Services**

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Prince William County Public Schools Nutrition Department is a leader in the school nutrition space due to their commitment to providing the highest quality products and services. Their ability to utilize raw ingredients to make delicious student favorites, from scratch, has given them an advantage. Everyone knows you can't be hungry to learn, if you're hungry- so come learn with Adam and Samantha on how they have implemented and maintained standards of excellence in service, local sourcing and marketing, and how these things can benefit your division.


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### **Workforce Readiness in Small Rural Schools**

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This presentation will discuss strategies for graduating life ready students and preparing all students for the 3 E's after high school, "enrollment, enlistment, or employment." Strategies include building financial literacy and capacity, creating authentic learning experiences paired with academic and career planning, and bolstering workplace readiness skills and career preparedness through pathway-specific academy models.





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### **Throwing Solar Shade: A Collaborative Approach to STEM Education**

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Secure Futures and the VCU Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium will discuss how the Throwing Solar Shade® program effectively increases students' STEM skills and performance in the 5 C's (Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Innovation, and Citizenship), which are identified as outcomes of particular interest in the New Profile of a Virginia High School Graduate. Students who participated in the pilot program in 2019 experienced substantial growth across the 5 C's.

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### **Dinwiddie County Government Day**

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Government Day in Dinwiddie County Public Schools is a community collaboration. Students spend the day walking in the shoes of the Dinwiddie County Board of Supervisors. Board members work alongside a small group of high school seniors to weigh the pros and cons of the senior staff proposals given to them and develop a budget presentation justifying their choices. Join this mini-workshop to hear how you will be able to implement this program in your school division.

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### **The Diploma Plus Initiative (DPI)... Connecting Students to Successful Pathways**

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The Diploma Plus Initiative (DPI) in Petersburg City Public Schools is grounded in increasing access to high-demand, high-wage careers, addressing barriers to postsecondary success, building pipelines to local workforce development, and leading to financial security for their students. In this mini-workshop you will hear from two leaders from Petersburg City Public Schools on how they have had success in implementing this program and then they will share ideas with attendees on how they may be able to implement this program within their school division.



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### **Digital and Social Media Marketing Program**

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This program was created to develop students' understanding of how best to combine fundamental marketing principles with acceptable content creation for use on social media. The goal for the students is to learn best practices associated with leveraging social media to increase followers while adhering to the principles and image of the business or organization they represent. To support these efforts and to foster greater growth through real world practice, the class has access to create and share content to support the district's efforts to engage with the community through social media.

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### **"All Means All" Student Success Program**

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Chesterfield County Public Schools (CCPS) enrollment is over 63,000 students with a very diverse population. Their mission statement is to ignite passion through authentic and captivating experience. CCPS Core Values are integrity, equity, teamwork, and ingenuity. With their strategic plan as a guide, they have implemented programs and guidelines to support all students. The data is allowing them to see positive impacts for students through academic growth and program opportunities for students. In this mini-workshop, Dr. Daugherty will discuss academic and instructional changes, program changes, and procedural adjustments to the system.

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### **Cyber Range Connection in Henry County**


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In this mini-workshop learn how Cyber Security is a big part in Henry County Public Schools. Cyber activity is only increasing in our everyday lives and will be part of every graduate's life. Cybersecurity is not simply a trend that will be dying in the next few months, or even years, but a wave of the future. This workshop will help divisions learn how to ensure students are prepared for job opportunities within the Cyber Security Field and make sure they have the skills needed for them to be successful in the real world.





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### **The MadExplorers Program in Madison County - A Community Partnership**

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Due to Covid-19 and the lack of consistent in-person instruction during the 2020-2021 school year, students in Madison County Public Schools (MCPS) experienced significant learning loss. MCPS partnered with their local Boys and Girls Club and Madison County Parks and Recreation to provide students with additional support in reading and math, while also providing opportunities to participate in fun recreational activities.

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### **Learning for All: Inclusive Spaces in Schools**

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This mini-workshop will run through a range of examples of how different communities have addressed inclusive spaces (toilets, locker rooms, comfort rooms, classrooms, etc.) in their facilities, from fully inclusive solutions to hybrid approaches. Attendees will hear about the security and maintenance advantages of inclusive facilities, while understanding the potential cost impacts. Attendees will leave this mini-workshop with a sense of different approaches to inclusive design.

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### **Benefit Plan Administrators - The Jefferson Health Plan Advantages**

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In this mini-workshop attendees will learn about a government to government public entity health plan purchasing consortium now available to Virginia Schools. The Jefferson Health Plan, established in 1985, is a transparent, financially stable, flexible program providing savings and funding stabilization to over 200 local governments and public schools.





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### **The Road to Electrifying Your School Bus Fleet**

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The route to electric vehicles (EVs) is complex and includes twists and turns like infrastructure, financing, training, operations, and more. During this session, Whitney and Dustin will discuss these key components and the first steps school divisions should take to pursue electric school buses. Attendees in this session will also hear firsthand from a Virginia school district on their experience incorporating electric school buses into their fleet.

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### **Reimagining Grading**

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In 2018 Albemarle County Public Schools began studying student stress in an effort to better support student mental health. From that data they discovered many disparate grading practices across schools. Since then, they have researched and written a policy on grading and enacted a professional learning plan for all teachers. Join this mini-workshop to learn about their journey on how they reimagined grading within Albemarle County Public Schools.

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### **Ferrum College Students and Franklin County Public Schools: A Great Fit**

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Many school divisions sought innovative approaches to ease school staff shortages during the pandemic. Franklin County Public Schools “FCPS” was no different with its ultimate goal to provide students consistency with in-person learning while providing staff relief from covering classes during their planning periods when staff was absent. Dr. Johns, Dr. Cobbs, and Ms. Nix will present on how FCPS started a partnership with Ferrum College to provide the division with college students to fill temporary substitute shortages.





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## **Becoming A More Informed Board Member: The Role of Data Analytics**

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One school year has ended and all eyes have now turned toward the next. Data and analytics are central to any school division communicating to all stakeholders on how students are doing now and where they're headed. This session will share how division and building leadership teams can use analytics related to chronic absenteeism, course grades, and suspensions to better communicate student performance. Additionally, early warning indicators, both custom to the division and/or through benchmark assessments like NWEA, can empower administrators to proactively mobilize resources to support all students and communicate that work to the board.

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## **How to Keep Students Connected Outside the Classroom**

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Since 2015, Goochland County Public Schools has been partnering with Kajeet to help connect the nearly 30% of students in their community without reliable internet at home. In this presentation, Goochland's Director of IT will walk through how to successfully implement a student connectivity program. Plus, find out how school bus WiFi is being integrated into their strategic digital equity plan for the 2022-23 academic year.

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## **Risk Management - Current Topics and Trends for School Board Leaders**

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