

# 5 Things

## You Need to Know! the Virginia Principal - July, 2020

Hey Jim,



**The LEAD** On your behalf, VAESP sent a letter in conjunction with other educational associations articulating our priorities and needs for the upcoming legislative session. Below is a copy of the letter:

Dear Governor Northam:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals (VAESP) to share our appreciation of your leadership and the leadership of your staff during the COVID-19 pandemic and your continual support of public education. On behalf of the nearly 1100 members of VAESP as well as all other Elementary and Middle School administrators of Virginia, we ask you and the Virginia General Assembly to consider the following recommendations during the upcoming budget sessions.

Virginia Administrators join with Division Superintendents to express their concern about the expected increased costs in opening and operating schools this fall due to the guidance by CDC, VDH, and VDOE. To help us meet the needs of our students, staff, families, and schools for the 2020-2021 school year, we ask your support in the following areas:

- Maintain re-benchmarking
- Support waiving school accreditation through 2021-2022
- Support waiving required SOL Assessments for elementary students for the 2020-2021 school year
- Provide appropriate funding for protective devices
- Support flexibility in the assignment of staff
- Fund the expansion of broadband and connectivity
- Remove restrictions on use of per pupil lottery funds
- Base ADM funding on the ADM numbers from 2019-2020 instead of 2020-2021
- Lock in fuel costs based on the 2019-2020 school year
- Provide a stipend for childcare providers to offset some of the cost for parents
- Provide funding for schools to support childcare for students of staff during the school day if students are only in school for a partial week

Your consideration of these requests is greatly appreciated.

Dr. Jamill Jones  
Principal, Churchland Elementary, Portsmouth  
President, Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals



## 5 ways technology can help schools meet CDC guidelines this fall

### fall

Administrators across the country are preparing schools to reopen this fall, and they have a lot to consider in the wake of COVID-19. In order to best protect both students and staff, the CDC has presented a list of guidelines for schools to open safely and effectively. Many of these guidelines can be met and make for a smoother transition with the use of technology. [READ MORE](#)



## Calendar Check

Watch for dates of fall **VAESP Virtual** workshops coming soon. More dates will be added over the summer.

**VAESP June 2021 Conference, June 27-29, 2021, Virginia Beach**, Details and registration in December.

**NAESP Annual Convention, July 8-10, 2021, Chicago, ILL**



**You PD'D?** The recording of Wednesday's workshop on Key Remote Teaching Proficiencies is now posted and available for you [HERE](#). You will also

find the 2 supplemental documents mentioned by Rashaida linked from that same page. Finally the blog post referenced can be found on our blog, "The EdConnector" found here. We had a great turnout and excellent feedback!

On Wednesday, **July 29, 2020 from 2-3 PM EDT**, we'll host the 2nd workshop in the 3-part series as a guest of ACSA, and you're welcome to attend as well! It's called "Facilitating Virtual PD | Best Practices." Learn more and register here. While facilitating virtual PD isn't EdConnective's direct business, it is core to what our coaches deliver on a daily basis, and even how we train virtual coaches regularly, so we're excited to be able to help educators facilitate better PD virtually as well.

Who should attend? Anyone responsible for planning, budgeting for, or facilitating PD

What will be discussed? Topics will include, but not be limited to:

- Making virtual PD highly engaging for participants
- How to leverage breakout groups as an effective learning space
- How to structure and organize meetings to align to your goals

How: [Register here](#) and be sure share this invite with anyone else responsible for delivering virtual PD.



## Community Chatter

First, I just sent summaries of two books on equity on June 15 and Dr. Stenbridge, the author of *Culturally Responsive Educational in the Classroom*, will join us for a live Book Talk (see below)!

### Book Talk Sign-Up

The 1st Book Talk was so successful, I decided to do it again!

**Thursday, July 30**

**1pm ET/10am PT**

LIVE Book Talk! with Jenn & Dr. Stenbridge, the author of *Culturally Responsive Education in the Classroom*

FREE for Main Idea subscribers and their guests!

This time invite your TEACHERS since this book is about instruction.

SIGN UP here by 7/29: [Book Talk Sign-Up](#)

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