

the Virginia Principal - May, 2021

Hey Jim,



The LEAD

VAESP Annual Conference June 27-29, 2021 Registration is now OPEN AGAIN!!!!

Plans for the Conference continue. **Please note that our attendance capacity MAY STILL BE limited due to CDC and State health guidance.** But as of May 9th, registration capacity has increased slightly and we can now again accept registration online. Those who were informed that they were on a waiting list will automatically be added to the registration and confirmation will be sent. If you have not registered. don't wait, **REGISTER TODAY!** The conference is being held on **June 27-29, 2021** at the Delta Hotel by Marriott, Virginia Beach Bayfront Suites. Rooms are currently available for Sunday (27th) and Monday (28th) nights. There is limited availability for Tuesday (29th). Unfortunately, the early registrations booked all of the Saturday night rooms. **Schedule, Registration and Hotel Reservations are available at www.vaesp.org** . If conditions with COVID change and if needed to protect the health and safety of our staff and members, VAESP will move the conference to a virtual format.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



A special note from NAESP

Earl Franks, NAESP Executive Director

Good afternoon,

We wanted to share this informational Op-Ed piece on the principal's role in spending relief funds for their schools: <https://www.the74million.org/article/educators-view-principals-know-best-what-their-schools-need-they-should-have-a-central-role-in-deciding-how-relief-funds-are-spent/>

Article:

Leading Change to Overcome Implicit Bias in Schools

What is implicit bias? According to ThoughtCo, it's any unconsciously held set of associations about a social group. Implicit biases can result in the attribution of particular qualities to all individuals from that group, also known as stereotyping. Implicit biases are the product of learned associations and social conditioning, and they can affect how we lead our schools, students, and faculty. How can we find a way to "de-bias" ourselves within the principal role?

Experiencing Bias Firsthand

Years ago, I was 20 years old and about to embark on a teaching career. At the time, I wasn't too conscious of implicit bias, and I was beyond excited to acquire my first teaching position. The school administration welcomed me to my new city and gave me directions to the teachers' credit union. Teaching had always been my dream, and I was on my way to being a life changer. During the summer, I woke up at the crack of dawn to decorate my new room and then decided to head to the teacher's credit union that afternoon. [Read more](#)

Go back or push forward? Schools look to 'acceleration' to fill pandemic learning gaps

Chalkbeat

Summer school is getting an overhaul in Washington, D.C. this year. Schools are designing programs to help students learn key concepts they missed during the pandemic, while also getting them ready for what's coming next school year. Fourth and fifth graders may design roller coasters, while second and third graders could dive into the debate over who deserves a public monument.

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Calendar Check

Upcoming NAESP Events

May 12, Webinar Wednesday: [How to Achieve Educational Equity](#)

May 12, Twitter Chat: [Supporting Successful Transitions Into and Out of the Middle Grades](#)

May 18, Aspiring Principals: [Opening the Door to the Principalship](#)

June 3, Leading for Literacy: [Taking a Deep Dive Into Professional Development Structures](#)

June 27-29, 2021, VAESP Conference Virginia Beach

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



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