

5 Things

You Need to Know! the Virginia Principal - April, 2020

Hey Jim,



The LEAD

I wanted to reach out to everyone during this especially challenging and unprecedented situation to check in with you all to make sure you are taking care of yourselves and your families while you support your school communities. I am amazed and impressed with everything I am hearing from across the state how our teachers and schools are reaching out to support students and families. I know you are instrumental in leading the way for our staff, teachers, and all other stake holders. Please know that the VAESP Board and NAESP are still here to support you. Please check our websites and look for our emails as we continue to share ideas and resources. Remember each Sunday at 8pm EST, our #VAESPChat Twitter Education Chat takes place. It is an especially good time to join in if just to touch base with your colleagues across the state and county. Take care of yourselves. We will get through this together.

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NAESP magazine now digital for information to support your needs. [Read the Full Issue!](#)

Calendar Check (Save the Dates)



Want to stay informed? Zone Meetings will resume in the fall so be on the watch for ones that are geographically close to you on a date that is convenient and join the conversations. Check your Zone by clicking [HERE](#).

2020 VAESP Annual Conference has been CANCELLED

July 12 - 14, [2020 NAESP Pre K-8 Principals Conference](#) - Louisville, KY



You PD'D?

Welcome to your latest edition of *The Main Idea*. It is the Professional Books and information by esteemed writer, Jenn David-Lang. This month she brings you thoughts

for these difficult times. Jenn says, *I wake up each morning and can't believe the extent of this crisis. I hope you are safe and well. Many people are sending resources to help teachers with remote learning, but I am writing to share resources for leaders in disruptive times.*

First, one of the things that makes this time so disruptive is that you are managing change you didn't ask for!

You can learn to make the best of it by mastering the *C's of change* such as clarity, communication, collaboration, culture, and commitment.

I am creating a series of one-pagers about the different C's.

Click here for the first one-pager on how to bring [Calm and Comfort](#) to your school.

FREE VIRTUAL MASTERMIND FOR SCHOOL LEADERS

A virtual group to explore the challenges of leading through disruptive times

Together with my colleague [Mitch Center](#), we are offering two *free* masterminds for school leaders. These are small online groups to discuss the topic of "leading in disruptive times" in April and May.

To be eligible, you need to be a school leader who is available for all four biweekly sessions and is willing to share and participate.

One group is Tuesdays, 5-6pm EDT: 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, & 5/19.

One group is Thursdays, 9-10am EDT: 4/16, 4/30, 5/14, & 5/28.

If you are interested, click below now to sign up because the spots will fill up quickly:

Click here: [Four Free Mastermind Sessions](#)

A PAGE OF RESOURCES FROM THE MAIN IDEA

Finally, I created a page on my website with compiled resources from THE MAIN IDEA on three topics to help you lead in disruptive times:

1. *managing change*
2. *enhancing interpersonal skills (like communication)*
3. *resources to become more resilient, centered, and organized*

Click here for: [RESOURCES FOR LEADING](#).



Community Chatter

If you missed the information previously sent about resources provided by Corporate Partners, Sponsors, VDOE and NAESP, click on the following dates: [3/20/20](#) [3/24/20](#) [3/27/20](#)

If you have not seen Governor Northam's latest Executive Orders on stay at home guidelines, click on the links below for the pertinent information.

[Executive Order 55](#), [Executive Order 53](#).

VAESP Corporate Partner Walden University's Monique Raulston shares that on behalf of the entire **Walden** community, we want to make sure you know we are here for VAESP members. Now more than ever, it is important for members to be vigilant about their own well-being. Below are some complimentary resources that provide advice and practical tools to help your members navigate these unexpected life adjustments:

- Webinar: [Teacher Well-Being and Self-Care](#)
- Quick Read: [Strategies to Support Teacher Well-Being and Retention Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- Quick Read: [Cybersecurity at Home: Online Safety for Kids](#)
- Quick Read: [Six Traits to Look for in a Stellar Online Teacher](#)

From transitioning to remote learning to advocating for students in need, we applaud VAESP members efforts to keep teachers and learners engaged, safe, and cared for daily. Walden University is fortunate to have 50 years of experience serving students in a distance learning model and will continue to do so during this challenging time. **A special tuition discount offer is being made to VAESP members. To learn more, click [here](#).**

Please stay healthy and safe, and let me know if I can assist in any way.

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