

Happy New Year! the Virginia Principal - January, 2021

Hey Jim,



The LEAD

VAESP Annual Conference Update - Thank you for your patience.

As VAESP continues to closely monitor developments related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), your safety is our top priority. VAESP's Board is

determined to move forward with an in-person conference but will follow CDC and State health guidelines in doing so. If needed to protect the health and safety of our staff and members, VAESP will move to a virtual format for the **June 27-29, 2021** event. For planning purposes, here are a few details:

Hotel Delta Hotel by Marriott, Virginia Beach Bayfront Suites - **\$164/night**,

Registration and Reservations will open in late February

\$349 - Active Members

\$249 - Aspiring Members

\$139 - Emeritus Members

\$260 - One Day Rate

VAESP will make available a new option this year, the **Conference Prepayment Plan (CPP)** which will allow anyone interested to pay installments towards **Conference Registration**. If you would like to explore this prepayment option, please contact Eric at vaesp2eric@gmail.com.

Watch for further information in the coming weeks regarding updated status, registration details, and additional details regarding the conference. If you have immediate assistance, please contact, Jim Baldwin at vaesp1jim@gmail.com. Thank you again for all that you do.

HOPEFULLY, WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!



**A new way to think about
work-life balance**

[Edutopia](#)

A school leader shares how he came to understand that work-life balance looks different for different people — and there's no need to feel guilty about that.

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6 school stability best practices for homeless students

[District Administration Magazine](#)

School stability is an essential component for a student's academic success. It's even more important for students who are homeless because of emotional and social attachments, explains Barbara Duffield, executive director of SchoolHouse Connection, a national nonprofit working to overcome homelessness through education.

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Calendar Check

VAESP Regional Virtual Zone Meetings coming this Spring! Meet regional colleagues and discuss issues facing all of us in this unique educational year. Opportunities for rewards and door prizes for attendees.

June 27-29, 2021, VAESP Conference Virginia Beach, Details and registration coming in February..

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



You PD'D? Jenn David Lang shares: We've hit the halfway point of the year and we're losing too many students to Zoom fatigue.

What we need to do, now more than ever, is boost student engagement. This is a battle we can't afford to lose. If our students aren't engaged, they can't learn.

Rather than a long summary, this month I have a simple 2-pager with "[30 Strategies to Boost Student Engagement via Zoom](#)" based on Jonathan Brennan's book: *Engaging Learners Through Zoom*.

Click on the link above for the 30 strategies and check out four simple steps below to introduce these strategies to your teachers as well.

Four steps to introduce the ENGAGEMENT strategies to your teachers

A. Make a double-sided copy of the [30 strategies](#) for your teachers (or email it to them or attach it to the Chat in a Zoom session).

B. During a staff meeting, give teachers time to silently read through the 30 engagement strategies and star those that they've used and circle those they might want to try.

C. Put teachers in groups (or breakout rooms) to share one to two strategies they've used successfully to engage students. Next have them discuss how they might implement a few strategies they might want to try.

D. Ask teachers to commit (in the chat) to trying one or two new strategies to engage students over the next two weeks.

Community Chatter

Virginia School Principals Appreciation Week January 24 - 30, 2021

The **Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals** and **Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals** express their gratitude to Governor Ralph S. Northam for this special recognition of Virginia school leaders. For 35 consecutive years, VAESP and VASSP have requested this annual proclamation. Beginning with Governor Baliles in 1986, Virginia became the first state in the nation where principals, through their professional organizations, asked and received a governor's recognition for a special week dedicated to them.

To view the Governor's proclamation page, click the link below:

[2021 Proclamation](#)

VAESP Corporate Partners play a key role in the operations of our Association.

Throughout the last eight months, they have provided invaluable assets and resources to support our schools, students and staff as they navigated the new reality that is COVID-19. Each month we will highlight a few of our partners and share what it is that they have to offer you and your communities. Find out what they can do for you by clicking on the links below:

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