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

Hey Jim,



The LEAD

As we begin wrapping up one of the most challenging years in education in recent memory, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for allowing me to serve as your VAESP President this past year.

We started our year with our annual conference at Great Wolf Lodge with the theme: **#LeadershipMatters**. This theme has been my vision and focus this year as President. If we ever doubted how much Leadership Matters in the past, then we would certainly be convinced after the last few months.

As school leaders, I know from talking to you, following you on social media, and hearing from parents and teachers, that you all rose to the challenge and did everything that needed to be done (sometimes perhaps even putting your own safety at risk). You never faltered! Our teachers were amazing; and I have been awed and impressed with everything they have done for their students. However, everything that happened, happened because of your leadership. **Leadership Matters!**

As we look ahead to uncertainty and challenges of the new year, I know that you will continue to LEAD like a Principal. I encourage you to make sure you are taking time to relax, recharge, re-energize, and turn off the email for a period of time this summer. Remember to take care of yourself and your family as you prepare to take care of your school families this summer and next year.

Next year, I will be moving into the position of Past President and the NAESP State Representative for Virginia. I look forward to continuing to advocate on your behalf and on

the behalf of our students, staff, and school communities and working closely with Jamill Jones, your new **VAESP** President.

Remember to Join in each Sunday at 8:00 pm for our weekly **#VAESPChat** when it resumes in August and feel free to follow me on Twitter **@AndrewBuchheit**
Take care. **#LeadershipMatters**.

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How schools are recruiting new teachers virtually
EdTech Magazine

The **coronavirus** pandemic has pushed many school districts to quickly embrace new ways of teaching and learning. It also led them to move teacher hiring online amid uncertainty about the profession. While some districts — especially those in high-poverty areas — have dealt with teacher shortages in STEM, special education and bilingual education, the pandemic's impact on school systems may have exacerbated those. According to a poll conducted by USA Today and Ipsos, a global market research firm, 1 in 5 teachers are unlikely to go back to school if it reopens in the fall because of safety concerns and remote learning challenges. [READ MORE](#)



Calendar Check

Watch for dates of fall **VAESP** workshops via webinars 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?

Here are some helpful recorded webinars from VAESP Corporate Partner, **Istation**, that you may wish to review

as you bring this year to a close and continue planning for next year. While free, you are still asked to register.

[Preparing for Back to School During COVID 19: Recouping Skill Loss with Powerful Intervention Strategies](#) with Dr. Bob Pasternack.

[Teaching from Home with Less Stress, More Success](#) with Dr. Vicki Gibson

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Community Chatter

On [June 9, 2020](#), **Governor Ralph Northam** announced a phased reopening of K-12 schools, which gradually permits in-person instruction to resume while prioritizing the health and safety of students and staff. Details of Virginia's Return

to School Plan can be found at [Recover, Redesign, Restart, 2020](#) which is the guiding document for Virginia school divisions developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in preparation for schools reopening. It addresses all facets of school operations and includes key questions, embedded links to resources, and recommendations for school leaders within the reopening parameters set forth by Governor Northam. You **Must Read** [Phased Reopening Plan](#)! There is much more on the VDOE website.



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