# Superintendent’s Memo #221-19


**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Ed.D., Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: Announcing the 2020 Children’s Engineering Convention

The Virginia Department of Education, in collaboration with the Virginia Children’s Engineering Council, is sponsoring the Children’s Engineering Convention for grades K-5 teachers and administrators. The Convention will be held at the [Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center](http://curiocollection3.hilton.com/en/hotels/virginia/the-hotel-roanoke-and-conference-center-curio-collection-by-hilton-ROACUQQ/index.html), 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia, February 6-7, 2020.

The Children’s Engineering Convention special interest sessions will highlight best practices and classroom strategies that support instruction in grades K-5 through hands-on design, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. These instructional experiences will assist participants in preparing students to:

* explore how people create, use, and manage technology;
* apply knowledge in mathematics, science, English, history and social sciences, and the Profile of a Virginia Graduate in solving problems associated with technology; and
* use tools and materials to develop technological literacy and self-confidence.

You may access the Convention overview [here](http://childrensengineering.org/Convention/) and register [here](http://childrensengineering.org/convention/registration/).

If you have any questions regarding the Convention, please contact the Convention Registrar, Patricia Fazzi, at patriciafazzi@aol.com or by telephone at (804) 854-3454.

If you have any questions regarding children’s engineering, please contact Dr. Lynn Basham, Technology Education Specialist, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at cte@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2052.

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