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TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven M. Constantino, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Virginia Chapter of the Association for Learning Environments Annual Conference, April 16-17, 2018**

The Virginia Chapter of the Association for Learning Environments Annual Conference will be held at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia, on April 16-17, 2018. A brochure describing this two-day interactive workshop on educational facilities and planning can be found at <http://www.va4le.org/conference/schedule.html> .

This year, the Virginia Chapter will offer two nights' accommodations at the Williamsburg Lodge for up to 100 school division representatives. There is a limit of two scholarships per division, and to avail of these scholarships school division staff are invited to register at <http://www.va4le.org/conference/> .

The conference will include an exhibit of recently completed school projects, as well as construction projects in progress in Virginia. A jury will judge the completed projects and awards will be presented to the architects and winning schools. This year, the conference will also include presentations by the winning middle school student team of the Virginia "SchoolsNext Design Competition" student competition.

Keynote and major session speakers will present information on a number of critical educational and facilities issues. There will also be breakout sessions on various subjects of interest to facilities and maintenance personnel, including school design presentations by college level architecture students. I encourage you or representatives from your division to attend this very informative conference.

For questions regarding the program, please call Vijay Ramnarain, Director of Support Services, at (804) 225-2037, or at Vijay.Ramnarain@doe.virginia.gov.

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