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**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA   
Department of Education**

DATE: March 13, 2020

TO: Division Superintendents

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

## SUBJECT: Announcing the 2020 #EdEquityVA Webinar Series

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce the 2020 #EdEquityVA Webinar Series. This series was created as a follow-up to the 2019 Virginia is for ALL Learners: Education Equity Summer Institute and provides equity strategies and resources to school divisions and education stakeholders. Through the diverse expertise of our partners and presenters, our goal is to offer relevant and engaging sessions to Virginia educators.

Registration is now open for the Reframing School Discipline [Part 2](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QL873VV) webinar. Additional registration links will be made available on the [#EdEquityVA Webinar Series web page](http://www.virginiaisforlearners.virginia.gov/edequityva-webinar-series/). As a reminder, you may access the webinars in the 2019 series as well as past 2020 webinars on our [website](http://www.virginiaisforlearners.virginia.gov/edequityva-webinar-series/).

Below, please find the full schedule for 2020. All webinars will take place from 3:00-4:30 PM.

| **Date** | **Topic** | **Details** |
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| April 7 | [**Reframing School Discipline Part 2**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/THBHWVX):Strategies to Decrease Disproportionality, A Discussion with Local School Board Members | Rebecca Kahila, School Safety and Discipline Specialist, Office of Student Services, Virginia Department of Education |
| May 12 | **Positive & Inclusive School Culture**: How to Create a School Culture that Promotes Equity | Presenter To Be Announced |
| June 16 | **School PRIDE in the 21st Century**: Strategies to Ensure Inclusive School Environments for LGBTQ+ students | Ted Lewis, Executive Director, Side by Side |
| July 28 | **Virginia Equity Audits**: Implementing the **#EdEquityVA** Framework | Leah D. Walker, Director, Office of Equity and Community Engagement, Virginia Department of Education |
| August 11 | **African American History Education Commission (AAHEC) Report Briefing**: Overview of AAHEC Recommendations and Next Steps | Dr. Rosa Atkins, Chair, African American History Education Commission (*Invited*). |
| September 8 | **Culturally Relevant Teaching (CRT)**: Strategies to support CRT practice across academic subject areas. | Presenter To Be Announced |
| October 13 | **Multicultural Curriculum and Equity**: Rethinking Curriculum to include LatinX, Virginia Indian, and API Narratives | Presenter To Be Announced |
| November 10 | **Exceptional Students-Gifted**: Strategies to increase access to Gifted Education and Support for Improved Student Identification | Presenter To Be Announced |
| December 8 | **Culturally Courageous Leaders and Educators:** Promoting Inclusive and Equitable School Communities | Presenter To Be Announced |

We invite you and your team to take advantage of these webinars as a strategic resource for improving outcomes for ALL learners through proven best practices. We look forward to the experiences and ideas your participation will bring to the series.

For more information, please contact the Office of Equity and Community Engagement by email at [edequityva@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:edequityva@doe.virginia.gov).

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