



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

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

SUBJECT: **“Programs That Work” Awards for Mathematics, Science, and STEM**

The Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition (VMSC) invites you to nominate effective student and teacher education programs for its annual "Programs That Work" Awards. The VMSC recognizes exemplary mathematics, science, integrated science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs for which there is evidence of a positive impact on student or teacher learning. Proposals will be evaluated on the extent that applicants are able to:

- represent innovative, exemplary programs that have proven effective with all students or teachers;
- demonstrate the important mathematics, science, and STEM concepts, skills, or processes students and teachers learned as a result of the programs; and
- document impact on teaching and learning.

Applications are due on December 10, 2018, and will be evaluated on a competitive basis. A competitive application will meet the following criteria:

- the project or program is a specific STEM project with goals and objectives;
- science, mathematics concepts, technology, skills, and/or processes are the main focal point of the project or program;
- the STEM project or program has a documented impact on STEM learning which has been documented with an assessment; and
- the project or program has been implemented for a minimum of at least two years within the past five years.

Awardees will be recognized at a conference and awards ceremony on January, 15, 2019, at the State Library of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia. Through a generous grant from Dominion

Energy, the VMSC will support the travel and lodging of award recipients for each program that is recognized.

Applications can be found at <http://www.vamsc.org/index.php/application/>. Virginia's public and private elementary and secondary schools, public school divisions, institutions of higher education, state agencies, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are invited to apply.

For additional information, contact the Virginia Mathematics and Science Coalition by email at ptw@vamsc.org.

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