



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: 2018 Virginia Association of Science Teachers Annual
Professional Development Institute**

The Virginia Association of Science Teachers (VAST) will hold its annual statewide Professional Development Institute (PDI), Diversify and Strengthen Science for All, on November 15-17, 2018, at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Williamsburg. This year's Professional Development Institute supports the Science Standards of Learning by offering over 200 concurrent sessions and nationally known keynote speakers. Educators will be able to network with colleagues from all over the state, gain new ideas to enhance their content knowledge, and experience cutting-edge technology. Educators at every level of science will find many topics of interest with which to build their expertise.

In addition to the Professional Development Institute, the VAST Donna Sterling Institute Preconference offers participants the opportunity to attend short courses that are designed to support instruction at different grade band levels. Registration and the PDI schedule of events can be found on the VAST website at <https://vast.wildapricot.org/page-18062>. The Professional Development Institute also provides educators the opportunity to earn recertification points.

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