

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

DATE: September 7, 2018

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Virginia Chamber of Commerce 2018 Workforce Conference

We are pleased to announce the 2018 Virginia Workforce Conference, sponsored by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and supported by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center on September 25, 2018.

The conference will focus on creating connections between Virginia's business, education and workforce communities. Senator Tim Kaine and Governor Ralph Northam will serve as keynote speakers. Dr. James Lane will moderate a panel discussion featuring successful partnerships between local school divisions and employers in the Commonwealth. Other panel discussions will focus on working together to prepare and connect Virginia's students to jobs and how companies are leveraging and connecting Virginia's military communities to careers.

The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:00 p.m. For more information about the conference and register, please visit https://www.vachamber.com/event/2018-virginia-workforce-conference/. To receive a discounted rate of \$95, use the code **VDOE2018** when registering. If you have any questions concerning this conference, please contact Lindsay Borge, Director of Events, Virginia Chamber of Commerce at https://www.vachamber.com or (804) 237-1453.

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