



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: February 24, 2023

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: **2023 Middle and High School Principals Conference & Exposition Call for Presentations**

The Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals (VASSP), with support from the Virginia Department of Education (Department) and the Virginia Foundation for Educational Leadership, will host the Virginia Middle and High School Principals Conference & Exposition (Conference) on June 20 – June 23, 2023, at [The Founders Inn and Spa at 5641 Indian River Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23464](#). This statewide in-person event has been held annually since 1927 and its purpose is to develop and enhance middle and high school administrators' leadership skills, increase their understanding of current educational issues, and expand their knowledge base for success. The theme of this year's summer conference is "Discover '24."

As part of the Conference, the Department will hold a Colloquium which will address recent state mandates and the school leadership expectations of principals. In addition, the Colloquium will focus on resources and implementation strategies that have been successfully used in schools to improve instruction in the core curriculum areas –mathematics, science, English, and history/social science.

The Conference will officially begin with an opening general session on Wednesday, June 21, 2023. Additional key information about the Conference may be found in **Attachment A**.

We look forward to seeing you in June. For additional information, please visit the [VASSP website](#) or call the Association at (804) 355-2777. Questions about the conference may be directed to Dr. Kathleen Smith, Conference Chairperson, at ksmith@vassp.org.

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Attachment:

- A. [Key Conference Information](#) (Word)