



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: September 8, 2017
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Early Years: Building Partnerships to Instruct, Assess, and Support Dual Language Learners (DLLs)**

As part of the Virginia Department of Education's ongoing effort to ensure compliance of the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*, a one day training titled World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Early Years: Building Partnerships to Support, Instruct, and Assess Dual Language Learners (DLLs), will be held as specified below:

Training Location and Lodging Information	Date and Time
Ashlawn-Highland: Event Barn 2050 James Monroe Parkway Charlottesville, Virginia 22902 434-293-8000 VA	Tuesday November 14, 2017 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

*Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

The purpose of this training is to support educators of pre-kindergarten DLLs to promote educational equity through 1) understanding and utilizing the WIDA Early Language Development Standards and framework; 2) making informed decisions using the suite of early language development assessments; and 3) promoting family engagement.

Registration and Lodging: The Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech will manage online registration and lodging. A limited block of hotel rooms for participants outside of a fifty mile radius of the training location will be provided. Lodging reservations will be made during the online registration process. Please register and reserve your lodging room, *if needed*, online at <http://register.cpe.vt.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=275191&selectedProgramAreaId=24508&selectedProgramStreamId=24521>

The deadline for registration and lodging is October 11, 2017.

Authorized Expenses: Evening meals, parking, and travel costs are the responsibility of attendees; however, these expenses are authorized activities and may be charged to local Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; Title II, Part A; or Title III budgets. Materials, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Cancellation: If participants need to cancel their hotel reservations, please contact Christy Wallace, the Virginia Tech registrar, **no later than November 1, 2017**, at wallacec@vt.edu or (540) 231-6735. Failure to advise the registrar in advance of cancellation may result in lodging charges to the attendee.

For questions, please contact Judy Radford, ESL Professional Development Coordinator, at Judy.Radford@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 786-1692.

SRS/JR/jf

