## Superintendent's Memo #265-15



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

October 23, 2015

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: Announcement of the Civics Summit on November 12, 2015

I am pleased to announce that the Commission on Civics Education is hosting a one-day Civics Summit for division personnel and teachers who work with students in Civics and Economics, and Virginia and United States Government. The Governor and First Lady of Virginia will be on the agenda for this year's Civics Summit, which will focus on the executive branch and education policies.

The objectives of the Summit are to:

- provide content information related to civics education by recognized experts;
- explain how citizens can interact with their state government with emphasis on the executive branch and education policies; and
- encourage responsible citizenship through participation in civic-related activities.

The date and location for the Summit are as follows:

Thursday, November 12, 2015 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. House Room 3 State Capitol 1000 Bank Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Civics Summit will accommodate 150 participants. School divisions are invited to send teachers and/or division personnel. The Civics Summit will provide parking, lunch, and material for participants. Registration will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis until November 6, 2015, and can be completed online at <a href="http://apps.senate.virginia.gov/civicsSummit/CS2015registration">http://apps.senate.virginia.gov/civicsSummit/CS2015registration</a>

If you need additional information about the Civics Summit, please contact Scott Maddrea, Deputy Clerk -Committee Operations, Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates, by e-mail at <u>smaddrea@house.virginia.gov</u> or by telephone at (804) 698-1545; or Christonya Brown, history and social science coordinator, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at <u>Christonya.Brown@doe.virginia.gov</u> or by telephone at (804) 225-2893.

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