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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Announcing the 2015 Children's Engineering Convention

The Virginia Department of Education in collaboration with the Virginia Children's Engineering Council and the Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association are co-sponsoring the Children's Engineering Convention for grades K-5 teachers and administrators. The convention will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, Virginia, February 19-20, 2015.

The Children's Engineering Convention special interest sessions will highlight best practices and classroom strategies that support the Virginia Standards of Learning through hands-on design, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. These instructional experiences will assist participants in preparing children to:

- Explore how people create, use, and control technology;
- Apply knowledge in mathematics, science, English, and history and social sciences in solving problems associated with technology; and
- Use tools and materials to develop technological literacy and self-confidence.

You may access the convention overview [here](#) and [register](#) today.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Lynn Basham, technology education and related clusters specialist, Office of Career and Technical Education Services, at (804) 786-4210 or lynn.basham@doe.virginia.gov, or Sarah Downer, Conference Registrar (540) 231-0990, sldowner@vt.edu, or Jeneen Preston, Conference Registrar (540) 231-6002, pjeneen7@vt.edu or Marcia Hickey, Convention Coordinator, at mdhickey@comcast.net.

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