



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Rural and Low-Income School Program Symposium

The Department of Education is pleased to announce the Eighth Annual Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income School Program Symposium in collaboration with the Title III, Part A, Limited English Proficient (LEP) Program, and the Title I, Part C, Education of Migratory Children Program. This symposium is designed for practitioners and administrators employed in rural school divisions. *A Framework for Improving Reading in the Content Areas* will be presented by Dr. Margarita Calderon & Associates.

The focus areas are:

1. Selecting and teaching different types of key words, phrases, and frames;
2. Selecting reading strategies that make content comprehensible; and
3. Modeling how enhanced writing skills will meet Virginia's Standards of Learning.

This symposium will be held at **The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center in Roanoke, Virginia, on March 18-20, 2013**. Registration will be held from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Monday, March 18. The symposium will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 18, and it will end at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20. School divisions in receipt of Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2; Title III, Part A; and Title I, Part C, funds are invited to send coordinators, teachers, and other division representatives to this symposium.

The Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech will manage the online registration. The link is: <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/reg/rss/>. The online registration must be completed by Monday, March 4. If assistance is needed, please contact Virginia Tech's main registration office at (504) 231-5182. Continental breakfasts, breaks, lunches, and lodging will be provided by the Virginia Department of Education. Other allowable expenses may be charged to the respective local federal program budget.

If lodging is required, a reservation must be made directly with the hotel by Monday, March 4, 2013. The telephone number for the hotel is (540) 985-5900. Please reference the Eighth Annual Rural and Low-Income School Symposium, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education, when reserving a room.

Please direct your questions regarding this symposium to Gabie Frazier, Title I, Part A, and Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2, specialist, at Gabie.Frazier@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 225-2907.

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