

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: Announcement of the Civics Summit on November 14, 2013

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 objectives of the Summit are to:

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

The date and location for the Summit are as follows:

Thursday, November 14, 2013 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Senate Room 3 State Capitol 1000 Bank Street Richmond, VA 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 1, 2013, and can be completed online at <a href="http://apps.senate.virginia.gov/civicsSummit/CS2013registration">http://apps.senate.virginia.gov/civicsSummit/CS2013registration</a>.

If you need additional information about the Civics Summit, please contact Maribeth Turner, civics education commission clerk, Office of the Clerk of the Senate, by e-mail at <a href="mailto:mturner@senate.virginia.gov">mturner@senate.virginia.gov</a> or by telephone at (804) 698-7450; or Betsy Barton, history and social science specialist, Office Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at <a href="mailto:Betsy.Barton@doe.virginia.gov">Betsy.Barton@doe.virginia.gov</a> or by telephone at (804) 225-3454.

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