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**Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Announcing the 2014 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 Richmond Marriott, 500 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, February 20-21, 2014.

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](mailto:lynn.basham@doe.virginia.gov), or Ms. Marcia Hickey, Convention Coordinator, at [mdhickey@comcast.net](mailto:mdhickey@comcast.net).

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