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Virginia Department of Education
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DATE: May 6, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Experience Works—Trailblazing Together for High-Quality Work-Based Learning**

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to offer a LIVE Zoom professional development opportunity for High-Quality Work-Based Learning (HQWBL) stakeholders, “Experience Works—Trailblazing Together for High-Quality Work-Based Learning,” to be held June 22-23, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. The targeted audience includes Work-Based Learning (WBL) coordinators, Career and Technical Education (CTE) teachers, administrators, school counselors and administrators, career coaches, and business and industry leaders.

School divisions are encouraged to attend as a team to have maximum exposure to workshop topics that lead to the advancement of workforce development opportunities. There is no registration fee for the conference; however, space is limited. Online [pre-registration](#) is open through June 1, 2022. After pre-registration is received, additional individual workshop sessions information will be forthcoming.

This conference brings together business, industry, and educators to focus on building positive [HQWBL experiences](#) for CTE students throughout the Commonwealth. Throughout the professional development, there will be sessions featuring inspiring stories of HQWBL successes, best practices on how to establish and expand business partnerships for the HQWBL

instructional methods, career opportunities for HQWBL experiences, learning from colleagues and business partners during interactive sessions with your peers across the Commonwealth, and a review of the revisions to the HQWBL Guide. Visit the CTE Resource Center webpage for additional information pertaining to [High-Quality Work-Based Learning](#).

For more information

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Sharon Acuff, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, at cte@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 786-1208.

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