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DATE: July 20, 2018
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: Invitation to Pre-summit Meeting on Teacher Retention at William & Mary on September 26, 2018

In October, superintendents will be invited to a summit on addressing teacher shortages that will be held on the last day of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents Fall Conference. In preparation for the summit, the School of Education at William & Mary will host a Pre-summit Meeting on Teacher Retention. The purpose of the pre-summit meeting is to convene school division personnel responsible for teacher retention, induction, mentoring, and coaching programs to discuss solutions to the challenges of providing high quality induction and retention strategies for new teachers. The ideas and potential solutions generated during this working session will be shared with superintendents and policymakers attending the October Summit.

You and your staff are invited to participate in the Pre-summit Meeting on Teacher Retention to be held on September 26, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Matoaka Room, Professional Development Center, School of Education, William & Mary, 301 Monticello Avenue, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Individuals interested in participating will need to register at the following College of William & Mary website: [Registration for Pre-summit Meeting on Teacher Retention](#) ➔. No fee is required, and lunch will be provided. An agenda and parking pass will be sent electronically to registrants. Please note that individuals will need to park in the designated lots noted on the parking pass.

I hope that you will encourage your staff members who work with teacher retention programs to attend this important pre-summit meeting. This will be a unique opportunity for participants to share programs to improve teacher retention and develop proposals for review by state policy officials.

If you have any questions about the pre-summit meeting or registration, please contact Dr. Denise Johnson, Associate Dean for Teacher Education and Community Engagement, School of Education, William & Mary, by phone at (757) 221-1528 or by email at denise.johnson@wm.edu ✉.

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