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Department of Education

DATE: August 10, 2018
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Announcing the 2019 Children's Engineering Convention**

The Virginia Department of Education, in collaboration with the Virginia Children's Engineering Council, is sponsoring the Children's Engineering Convention for grades K-5 teachers and administrators. The convention will be held at the [Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center](#) ➔, 110 Shenandoah Avenue, Roanoke, Virginia, February 7-8, 2019.

The Children's Engineering Convention special interest sessions will highlight best practices and classroom strategies that support instruction in grades K-5 through hands-on design, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. These instructional experiences will assist participants in preparing students to:

- explore how people create, use, and manage technology;
- apply knowledge in mathematics, science, English, history and social sciences, and the Profile of a Virginia Graduate 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 here](#) ➔.

If you have any questions regarding the convention, please contact the Convention Registrar, Andrew Alston, at Andrew.alston@vt.edu ✉ or by telephone at (540) 231-600.

If you have any questions regarding children's engineering, please contact Dr. Lynn Basham, Technology Education Specialist, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education at cte@doe.virginia.gov ✉ or by telephone at (804) 225-2052.

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