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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Leading Edge Forum 2018

The Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE) and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) are co-hosting the 2018 Leading ED Forum, a two-day event for school division instruction and technology leaders including chief technology officers, technology directors, network administrators, school staff that support E-rate and network infrastructure, Instructional Technology Resource Teacher (ITRT) managers, and division superintendents.

The purpose of the Forum is to provide an opportunity for division and state technology stakeholders to meet with each other and with leaders in the field in order to exchange information and ideas. The first Forum was held in 2016 and was a valued learning experience for all participants.

The Forum will be held on October 8-9, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Daniel Technology Center, Germanna Community College in Culpeper, Virginia.

Topics for breakout sessions on Monday, October 8 include future-proofing networks, safer schools, E-rate, Virtual Virginia, OER, and transformative leadership. On Tuesday, October 9, sessions will have a special emphasis on E-rate, broadband, and network infrastructure.

Jeff Mao, former Learning Technology Policy Director for the Maine Department of Education, will provide Monday's opening keynote on leadership in the digital age. He is currently a Senior Strategic Education Outreach Manager for Wonder Workshop and an advisor for Future-Ready schools.

The keynote address will be delivered on Tuesday by Dr. James Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Dr. Lane was one of 100 superintendents in the nation selected to attend the 2014 ConnectEd Superintendents Summit at the White House in recognition of his leadership in the use of instructional technology by his schools and he has been an active advocate for technology since then.

Registration for this event is now open for either one day or both days at <https://vste.org/lef2018/> (This link takes you out of the Virginia Department of Education website). If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Susan M. Clair at Susan.Claire@doe.virginia.gov or 804-786-9281.

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