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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Reframing Discipline: A Practitioner's Conference

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) in conjunction with the Virginia Student Support and Conduct Committee (VSSCC) is providing *Reframing Discipline: A Practitioner's Conference* on March 28, 2017, in Roanoke, Virginia and March 30, 2017, in Williamsburg, Virginia. The conference offers an opportunity for school leaders and student support personnel to learn from other practitioners' efforts to reduce suspensions/expulsions and improve school climate.

The conference will feature a keynote presentation from Dr. Ramiro Rubalcaba who will share his experience in changing school climate and drastically reducing suspensions at Garfield High School in the Los Angeles Unified School District. In breakout sessions, members of the VSSCC will share practices that have been implemented with positive results in Virginia public school divisions. The VSSCC is a collaborative group of school division hearing officers from across the Commonwealth. These practitioners have worked within their divisions to implement approaches for reducing discipline incidents, reducing disparity in suspensions and expulsions, and improving student support services.

The conference is *free* for participants. Please consider sending a team of school and division level leaders to this event. It is being held in two locations to ensure that all divisions have an opportunity to attend this one-day conference. Please register for either event no later than March 21, 2017.

Please click on the links below to view the conference agenda, complete registration and get lodging information. All participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging.

- **Roanoke - March 28, 2017, Holiday Inn Tanglewood**
<https://vdoe-reframing-discipline-conference-roanoke.eventbrite.com/>
- **Williamsburg - March 30, 2017, Doubletree by Hilton**
<https://vdoe-reframing-discipline-conference-williamsburg.eventbrite.com/>

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