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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction



SUBJECT: #GoOpen Regional Summit

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is pleased to announce that Chesterfield County Public Schools will be hosting a **#GoOpen Regional Summit** on August 1, 2017, at the Thomas R. Fulghum Conference Center. This event is in support of both the U.S. Department of Education #GoOpen initiative and GoOpenVA efforts. Attendance at the one day Summit is free. The #GoOpen Regional Summit will provide an opportunity for school division and state leaders to explore opportunities to expand the use of high quality, openly licensed educational resources.

#GoOpen Regional Summits are intended for school divisions that have recently committed to becoming a #GoOpen Launch division or are curious about making a scalable transition to openly licensed educational resources. Among the facilitators will be representatives from #GoOpen Ambassador school divisions who have worked to make this transition.

All divisions are welcome and encouraged to send a team of eight to ten people that include superintendents, technology and/or curriculum leaders, ITRTs, librarians and teacher leaders who will then promote the #GoOpen initiative in their schools after the conference.

Included below are resources about #GoOpen:

- [#GoOpen Movement](#) : *Information about the #GoOpen Initiative*
- [#GoOpen District Launch Packet](#):  *How to get started with #GoOpen*
- [GoOpenVA](#): *VDOE Open Educational Resources Initiative*

We hope that you consider attending. Please [register here](#) for the #GoOpen VA Regional Summit. For more information, please visit the conference site at <https://sites.google.com/ccpsnet.net/goopen> .

We look forward to seeing you at the #GoOpen Regional Summit!

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