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**Department of Education**

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**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT: 2017 Leading ED Forum**

The Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE) and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) are co-hosting the 2017 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 19-20, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Daniel Technology Center, Germanna Community College in Culpeper, Virginia.

Topics for breakout sessions on Thursday, October 19 include student data privacy, the changing role of the Chief Technology Officer (CTO), blended and virtual learning capacity, the next State Technology Plan and technology management ideas. On Friday, October 20, sessions will have a special emphasis on e-Rate, broadband, and network infrastructure.

Ryan Imbriale, Executive Director of Innovative Learning for the Baltimore County Public Schools, will provide a keynote to kick off the event on Thursday, October 19. Ryan is responsible for leading Baltimore County's digital conversion initiative, S.T.A.T. (Students and Teachers Accessing Tomorrow).

Joe Freddoso, former Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) consultant and co-founder and Chief Operations Officer of Mighty River, will lead a panel discussion of Internet Service Providers on Friday, October 20.

Registration for this event is now open for either one day or both days at <https://events.vstereg.org/events/lef2017/>. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Susan M. Clair at [Susan.Clair@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Susan.Clair@doe.virginia.gov) or 804-786-9281.

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