



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: December 1, 2017
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: George Mason University (GMU) Education Workforce Event

On March 8, 2018, George Mason University's Schar School of Policy and Government and College of Education and Human Development are jointly hosting "*Strengthening the Pipeline from School to Work: Policy and Practice in Forging School and Industry Partnerships.*" This event will highlight the importance of education and business partnerships that can provide work-based learning experiences for high school students. It will also spotlight successful school-industry partnerships that create work-based learning opportunities for secondary school students and will be keynoted by former Secretary of Education, Dr. Arne Duncan. This event will be held at GMU's Arlington Campus and will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m.

In order to make the program relevant to you and your school division, please answer a four-question survey that can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FNYQVFS>. The information you provide is being collected by George Mason for event planning purposes.

For more information about this event, please contact Dr. Mark C. White, Deputy Director, GMU Center for Regional Analysis, at mwhite34@gmu.edu. More details will be available in the coming month.

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