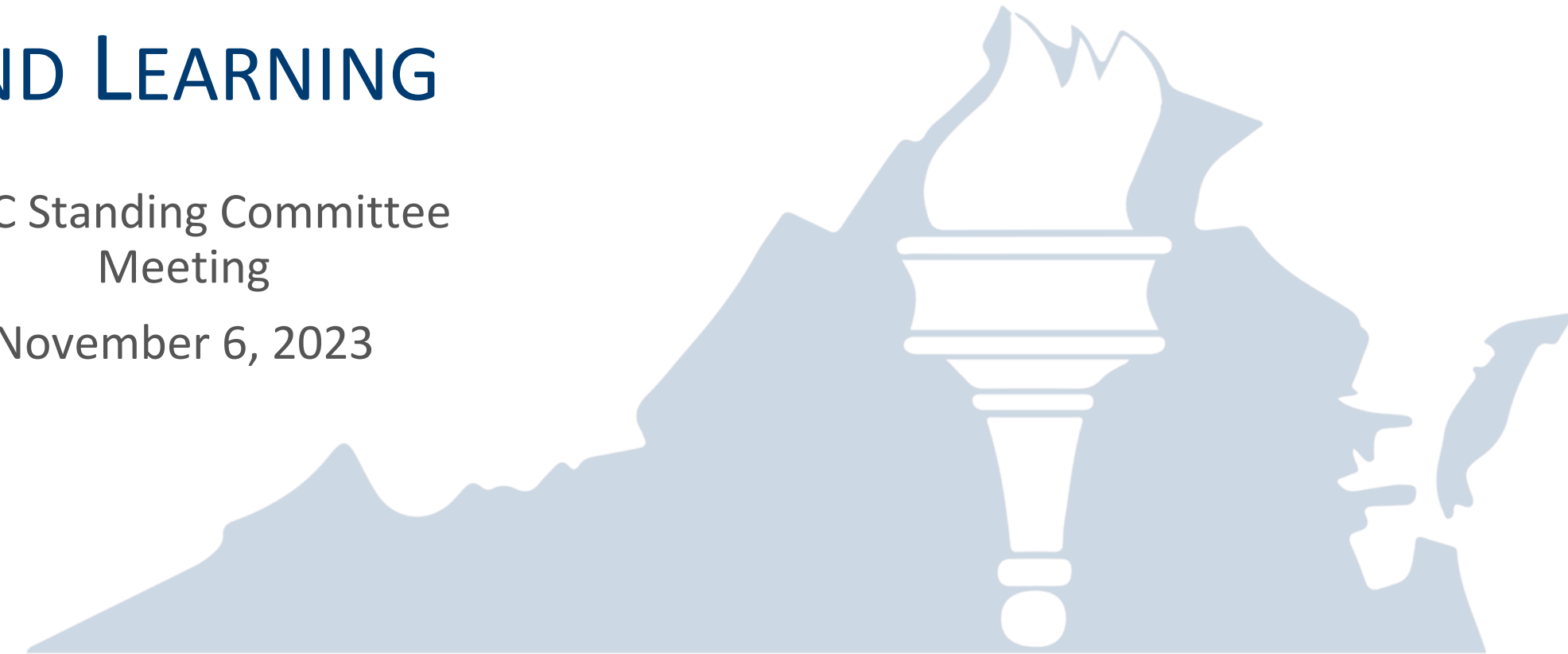


LOOKING AHEAD: VIRGINIA LAB SCHOOL NETWORKING AND LEARNING

CPLC Standing Committee
Meeting

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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

BACKGROUND

Five tenets of lab schools (IALS):

- Teacher preparation programs
- Research
- Curriculum development
- Innovation
- Professional Growth



PURPOSES OF VIRGINIA LAB SCHOOL NETWORK

- Focus on higher education and K12 division partnerships to enhance teaching, learning, and leadership of Virginia lab schools through staff development, curriculum review, and recruitment
- Continue to refine evolving expectations toward continued innovation and outcomes for students and staff
- Promote evidence-based practice in instruction and leadership
- Leverage collective scale to advocate for multi-level support of programming and expansion
- Provide mentoring and partnership to current and future lab school applicants

NEXT STEPS?

- Set minimum membership requirements for group (number of approved and operational lab schools?) and timeline for implementation
- Identify leadership for the Virginia Laboratory Schools Networking Group
- Establish initial network kickoff or summit to collaboratively identify priorities and logistics of group
- Identify and document mission, vision, and strategic goals
- Create multilayered communications and marketing plan: website, social media, idea sharing platforms
- Develop statistics and data reporting to inform needs and priorities of the network
- Explore national and international opportunities for networking and learning