

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

## SUBJECT: Virginia Educational Facility Planners Conference, March 16-17, 2015

The Virginia Chapter of the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI) conference will be held at the Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia, on March 16 and 17, 2014. A brochure describing this two-day interactive workshop on educational facilities and planning can be found at <a href="http://www.vefp.org/conference/schedule.html">http://www.vefp.org/conference/schedule.html</a>.

The conference registration is \$230 for public sector employees and includes most meals. Again this year, CEFPI-Virginia is offering a few scholarships to school division personnel to help them attend the conference. The criteria and application for this scholarship is available on the VEFP Web site at <a href="http://www.vefp.org/conference/scholarship-fund.html">http://www.vefp.org/conference/scholarship-fund.html</a>.

The conference will include an exhibit of recently completed school projects, as well as school construction projects in progress in Virginia. A jury will judge the completed projects and awards will be presented to the architects and winning schools.

Keynote and major session speakers will present information on a number of critical educational facilities issues, including legislative initiatives that impact schools. There will also be breakout sessions on various subjects of interest to facilities and maintenance personnel, including school design presentations by college level architecture students. I encourage you or representatives from your division to attend this informative conference.

Please register online at <a href="http://www.vefp.org/conference/register.html">http://www.vefp.org/conference/register.html</a>. For questions regarding the program, please call Vijay Ramnarain, Office of Support Services, at (804) 225-2035, or e-mail <a href="https://www.vefp.org/conference/register.html">Vijay.Ramnarain@doe.virginia.gov</a>.

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