

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Announcement of the Civics Summit on November 13, 2014

I am pleased to announce that the Commission on Civics Education is hosting a one-day Civics Summit for division personnel and teachers who work with students in Civics and Economics, and Virginia and United States Government.

The objectives of the Summit are to:

- provide content information related to civics education by recognized experts;
- explain how citizens can interact with their local government with emphasis on the judicial system; and
- encourage responsible citizenship through participation in civic-related activities.

The date and location for the Summit are as follows:

Thursday, November 13, 2014 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. House Room 3 State Capitol 1000 Bank Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Civics Summit will accommodate 150 participants. School divisions are invited to send teachers and/or division personnel. The Civics Summit will provide parking, lunch, and material for participants. Registration will be conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis until November 7, 2014, and can be completed online at http://apps.senate.virginia.gov/civicsSummit/CS2014registration

If you need additional information about the Civics Summit, please contact Scott Maddrea, Deputy Clerk – Committee Operations, Office of the Clerk of the House of Delegates, by e-mail at smaddrea@house.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 698-1545; or Christonya Brown, history and social science coordinator, Office of Humanities and Early Childhood, by e-mail at Christonya.Brown@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2893.

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