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Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

VAESP is happy to introduce *The Virginia Principal Express*, an electronic publication designed to supplement the quarterly *Virginia Principal* newsletter and to keep VAESP members informed about association news and activities on a monthly basis. This publication will provide timely updates about important legislative action, valuable professional development opportunities, and other information beneficial to our members and pertinent to the field of educational leadership throughout the Commonwealth. We hope you enjoy this latest member benefit!

Register today for the 2007 VAESP Assistant Principal/Lead Teachers Conference

The conference will be held at the beautifully renovated Williamsburg Lodge **March 26-27, 2007**. Speakers include **John Antonetti**, **Marvin T. Thompson**, **Donna Sawyer**, and **Lori Chaney**.



John Antonetti
Leadership and
Curriculum/Instruction



Marvin Thompson
Leadership



Donna Sawyer
Curriculum/Instruction



Lori Chaney
Instructional Technology

Visit www.vaesp.org to register online or contact the VAESP headquarters at (804) 355-6791.

Important Dates

Jan. 29	VAESP Board Meeting, Richmond, VA
Jan. 30	VAESP Legislative Day, Richmond, VA
Jan. 29-Feb. 2	Principals Appreciation Week
March 26-27	Assistant Principal/Lead Teacher Conference



Five Principals Nominated in the 2007 National Distinguished Principals Program

Congratulations to **Carole Hastings**, principal of Hollymeade Elementary in Albemarle County, **Leavina G. Lee**, principal of Glade Hill Elementary in Franklin County, **Susan C. Reynolds**, principal of Herman L. Horn Elementary in Roanoke County, **Alicia Spencer**, principal of George Washington Carver Elementary in Newport News, and **Bambi Lynn Thompson, Ed.D.**, principal of T. C. Walker Elementary in Gloucester County. These five principals have been nominated by their peers to represent Virginia as the 2007 National Distinguished Principal. The VAESP Board of Directors will review these nominations at their meeting on January 29, 2007, and finalists will be interviewed in March. VAESP salutes these individuals for being recognized by their colleagues as exceptional school administrators.

FLASH - Legislative Update

The Virginia General Assembly convened on January 10, 2007. VAESP urges all members to stay informed about the legislation that will impact the children they serve. VAESP will be tracking the following proposed legislation as well as other legislation that will be added as the 2007 General Assembly session moves forward. Of course some Bills are more critical than others.

House Bills – 1636; 1727; 1843; 1875; 1962; 2088; 2093; 2104; 2151; 2344 and any bill that will increase the multipliers for retirement and health benefits such as 1881 and 1882. We will also track similar bills in the Senate. These bills include Senate Bills 744, 777; and 795.

On January 11, the Senate Health and Education Committee failed to report Senate Bill 759, Tuition Assistance Grant Program for Students with Disabilities. It failed to be reported by a vote of YES – 7 and NO – 8. The VAESP Legislative Position opposes this bill and supports the fail to report vote.

On January 12, SB 757 the Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services' (Senate) motion to refer failed by a vote of YES – 6 and NO – 9. VAESP Legislative Position opposes this bill and supports the fail to report vote.

To view the full content of these bills, please go to <http://leg1.state.va.us/071/lis.htm>. You can also visit <http://legis.state.va.us/> to learn "Who's My Legislator?" Please contact your senator or delegate with any concerns you may have. You are invited to attend **VAESP's Annual Legislative Day** on **January 30, 2007**. For more information, please contact your VAESP Zone Director, or the VAESP headquarters.