

Good afternoon,

I am writing to invite you to an **Early Childhood Education Summit on October 22nd at the University of Virginia**. This summit is co-hosted by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents, the UVA K-12 Advisory Council, the University of Virginia Curry School of Education and Human Development, the Virginia Department of Education, and my office.

In previous years, we have focused our time together during these fall convenings on the teacher shortage. While that remains a top priority for us all, early childhood education is an emerging issue that also merits our attention and discussion.

This conversation will bring together superintendents, policy makers, local leaders and advocates, researchers and experts for a conversation about the status and future vision for Early Childhood Education in the Commonwealth.

We hope you will plan to join us for this exciting summit! The summit is free, but registration is required.

Please visit <https://www.education.virginia.gov/initiatives/early-childhood-education/> to register, see the draft agenda, and get additional updates as they become available.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to me or Holly Coy, at [holly.coy@governor.virginia.gov](mailto:holly.coy@governor.virginia.gov).

I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

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