

2020 VASS Annual Fall Conference

Virtual Conference, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

October 19, 2020

WELCOME

9:00 – Welcome, Recognition of Partners, and Introductions

Scott Brabrand, VASS President

OPENING SESSIONS

9:05 – Panel Presentation – “The State of the State: Latest Updates on Health, Education and Labor”

James Lane, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commonwealth of Virginia

Laurie Forlano, Director, Office of Epidemiology, State Epidemiologist, Commonwealth of Virginia)

Megan Healy, Chief Workforce Advisor to the Governor, Office of the Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia

9:35 – Presentation – “The State and Local Budget Pictures”

Sponsored by: VASS Senior Partners Amazon Business, American Fidelity, and CrisisGo; VASS Partner Pierce Group Benefits; VASS Senior Associate Partners DreamBox Math Learning, Edgenuity, and RRMM Architects; VASS Associate Partners Audio Enhancement and Virginia Risk Sharing Association

Jim Regimbal, Co-founder, Fiscal Analytics, Ltd.

10:00 – The Governor’s Address (10 mins.)

The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

10:10 – Panel Presentation – “Current Legal and Risk Management Issues”

Sponsored by VASS Senior Partner Horace Mann; VASS Senior Associate Partner ST Math-Mind Research Institute; VASS Associate Partners Achieve 3000, Catapult Learning/SESI, Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates, EF Education First, and rzero

Craig Wood, Partner and VASS Legal Counsel, McGuire Woods

Micah Schwartz, Counsel, McGuire Woods

Chris Carey, Administrator, VACORP Risk Management Programs

10:45 – Small Group Discussions (Break Out Rooms)

11:05 – Panel Presentation – “General Assembly Reflections on the Special Session and Thoughts about Important Education Legislative Issues for the 2021 Session”

Sponsored by VASS Associate Partners BetterLesson, Curriculum Associates, Discovery Education, DLR Group, Education Elements, Frontline Education, Get More Math, Imagine Learning, and Istation

The Honorable Janet D. Howell, Senate of Virginia (invited)

The Honorable L. Louise Lucas, Senate of Virginia (invited)

The Honorable Eileen Filler-Corn, Virginia House of Delegates (invited)

The Honorable M. Kirkland Cox, Virginia House of Delegates (invited)

11:45 – Discussion of VASS Legislative Positions for 2021 Session (Break-Out Rooms by Region)

12:15 – Break (15 minutes)

MOSELEY LUNCHEON BREAK and RECOGNITIONS

Sponsored by VASS Senior Partner Moseley Architect

12:30 – Recognitions

Regional and Virginia Superintendents of the Year, Retired Superintendents, and Virginia Education Legislative Liaisons

12:40 – Luncheon Presentation – “Election 2020”

Bob Holsworth, Managing Principal, Decide Smart

1:05 – Presentation – “Federal Update”

Sponsored by VASS Associate Partners Lexia Learning, Mark III Employee Benefits, No Kid Hungry Virginia, NWEA, Participate Learning, Paymerang, and PowerSchool

Noelle Ellerson, Associate Executive Director of Advocacy and Governance, AASA (to invite)

CLOSING KEYNOTE

1:25 – Presentation – “Harnessing the Power of Technology to Create Equitable Learning”

Sponsored by VASS Senior Partner Forecast5 Analytics; VASS Associate Partners Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt, Renaissance, RethinkED, Stantec, Veritiv, and Vocabulary.com

Nicol Turner Lee, Senior Fellow in Governance Studies and Director of the Center for Technology Innovation, Brookings Institute