

VASS Spring Conference Leadership Series

April 26 – Break-through Leadership

8:30 AM Virtual Exhibit Hall Opens

Presiding: **Scott Brabrand**, VASS President and Division Superintendent, Fairfax County

9:00 – 10:30 AM Presentation – “Out of the Crisis: Leading for Equity”

Sponsored by: VASS Senior Partners Forecast5 Fiscal Analytics and Horace Mann Insurance; VASS Partners Moseley Architects and Pierce Group Benefits; and VASS Associate Partners Lexia Learning, Frontline Education, Paymarang and R-Zero

Presenters:

Alan Blankstein, Bestselling Author and Founder of the HOPE Foundation

Marcus Newsome, Director, Virginia Superintendents Leadership Academy

(the short version of the film “Petersburg Rising” will be shown)

10:30– 10:55 AM The Virginia Superintendents Leadership Academy Video Presentation and Awards Ceremony

Sponsored by: VASS Associate Partners Education Elements and Participate Learning

Presenters:

Marcus Newsome, Director, Virginia Superintendents Leadership Academy

Ben Kiser, VASS Executive Director

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

10:55– 11:00 AM Recognition of Virginia Superintendents for Their Leadership During the Pandemic

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11:00 – 11:15 AM VASCL Annual Meeting

May 3 – Leadership for Greater Equity

8:30 AM Virtual Exhibit Hall Opens

Presiding: **Laura Abel**, VASS President-elect and Division Superintendent, West Point

9:00 – 9:45 AM Presentation – “Leaders Who Have Harnessed the Power of Technology to Create Equitable Learning”

Sponsored by: VASS Partner American Fidelity; VASS Senior Associate Partners Edgenuity, RRMM Architects and ST Math-Mind Research; and VASS Associate Partners Achieve3000, Audio Enhancement, Better Lesson and Reading Plus

Presenter:

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

9:45 – 10:25 AM

Panel Discussion – “Leaders Who Have Successfully Addressed Social Emotional Learning during the Pandemic”

Sponsored by: VASS Associate Partners Mark III Employee Benefits, NWEA, Renaissance, RethinkED, Stantec, Trane, Veritiv and Virginia Lottery

Moderator:

David Adams, CEO of the Urban Assembly

Panelists:

Ralph L. Simpson, Deputy Superintendent of School Leadership and Improvement, Clayton County Schools

Chelsea A. Montgomery, Executive Director of Office of Student Supports, Fulton County Schools

Amie Cumming, Director of Student and Family Support, Newton County Schools

10:25 – 10:55 AM

Panel Discussion – “Reinvigorating VASS’s Commitment to Equity”

Sponsored by: VASS Associate Partners Discovery Education, DLR Group, EF Education First, Get More Math, Pierce Insurance, PowerSchool Group, Vocabulary.com and VRSA

Panelists:

Laura K. Abel, VASS President-elect, Division Superintendent, Town of West Point, and Chair of the VASS Blueprint Committee on Social Emotional Learning

Walter (Rick) Clemons, Region III Chair, Division Superintendent, Gloucester County and Member of the VASS Blueprint Committee on Accountability

Scott L. Jefferies, Division Superintendent, Wythe County and Chair of the VASS Blueprint Committee on Profile of a Virginia Graduate

Anthony S. Brads, Division Superintendent, Culpeper County and Chair of the VASS Blueprint Committee on the Teacher Shortage

Brian Austin, Former Division Superintendent, Lee County and Chair of the VASS Blueprint Committee on Funding

Tameshia V. Grimes, Division Superintendent, Nottoway County and Member of the VASS Blueprint Committee on Equity

10:55– 11:00 AM Recognition of Virginia Superintendents for Their Leadership During the Pandemic
The Honorable Atif Qarni, Secretary of Education, Commonwealth of Virginia

May 10 – Inspiring Leadership

8:30 AM Virtual Exhibit Hall Opens

Presiding: **Zebedee Talley, Jr.**, VASS Secretary/Treasurer and Division Superintendent, Martinsville City

9:00 – 9:45 AM Presentation – “Everyone Needs a Mrs. Bailey”

Sponsored by: VASS Associate Partners Catapult Learning/SESI, Crabtree Rohrbaugh & Associates, Curriculum Associates, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH), Imagine Learning and Istation

Presenter:

William Sroufe, Division Superintendent, Colonial Heights City

9:45 – 10:30 AM Presentation – “How to Stay Motivated Enough to Motivate Others During a Global Pandemic”

Presenter:

Denise Ryan, Motivational Speaker

10:30 – 11:00 AM Small Group Discussions on “Creating a Life/Work Balance”

11:00 – 11:15 AM Honoring Virginia’s Superintendents of the Year

Remarks:

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

The Honorable Mark R. Warner, United States Senator

The Honorable Timothy M. Kaine, United States Senator