

# VASS 2019-2020 Professional Development Conferences & Workshops

## October 9 – [“Performance Assessment: Opening Doors to Deeper Learning”](#)

### Presenters:

**Jay McTighe**, International Education Consultant and Founder of McTighe & Associates

**Chris Gareis**, Professor of Education, College of William & Mary

**Overview:** This workshop will help teachers and administrators move beyond thinking about alternative assessments to the SOL tests as simply another accountability measure and instead broaden their understanding of how performance assessments and tasks can be developed as part of a balanced assessment system. During the workshop, we'll examine the qualities of effective performance-based assessments as well as explore their potential to enhance instruction, provide deeper learning, and assess the outcomes outlined in the Profile of a Virginia Graduate (POVG). The workshop will provide participants with opportunities to address the integration of balanced assessments, review tasks and rubrics using the VDOE Quality Criteria Tool, and explore the implications of and for deeper learning that performance assessments offer.

Fee: \$210

Location: Williamsburg Doubletree, 50 Kingsmill Rd., Williamsburg, VA 23185

Room Rate: \$119 single/double

## October 20-22 – VASS Annual Fall Conference / October 22 – Governor's Summit on Early Childhood Education at UVA

Agenda: will be posted the last week of August

Fee: \$275

Location: Omni Charlottesville Hotel, 212 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Room Rate: \$132/single; \$147/double

Cut-off Date: September 26, 2019

## October 24 – ["Elevating Virginia's Gap Group Achievement in Mathematics"](#)

**Presenter: Dan Mulligan**, International Education Consultant and Founder of Flexible Creativity

**Overview:** This game-changing, interactive, hands-on day of professional learning will provide teachers, administrators and school/division teams a toolkit of new formative assessment and learning resources to close achievement gaps in math while elevating the performance of each student. A wealth of strategies and resources will be modeled throughout the day and participants will be provided guided time to collaboratively create personalized assessment/learning structures, so participants are asked to bring with them a relevant 2016 math framework, and (if possible) a current division math pacing guide.

Fee: \$210

Location: Hotel Roanoke, 110 Shenandoah Ave., Roanoke, VA 24016

Room Rate: \$111 single; \$131/double

**November 6 – [“Planning and Implementing a Strategic Plan to Address SEL in Your School Division,”](#)** co-sponsored by VASS and Rethink ED

### Presenters:

**David Adams**, Director of Social Emotional Learning, Urban Assembly

**Luelle Brown**, Superintendent, Ithaca School District and author, *Culture of Love, Cultivating. A Positive and Transformational Organizational Culture*

**Steven Tobias**, Director of the Center for Child & Family Development

**Overview:** This important program will support Virginia school superintendents and their district teams in addressing, adopting and advocating student social and emotional wellness. Attendees will be prepared to: adopt practical skills from the leading voices in social and emotional learning; promote wellness for students, educators and the entire community; implement changes that foster a more positive, system-wide school climate; and address social-emotional barriers to increase student learning.

Fee: \$210/pp; Team Discount: Register a team of five participants, and the fifth participant is FREE!

Location: Hampton Embassy Suites and Convention Center, 1700 Coliseum Dr., Hampton, VA 23666

Room Rate: \$119 single/double

**December 4 – [“Sexual Misconduct and Title IX Obligations: It’s More than Just Sports Equity,”](#)** co-sponsored by VASS & VHSL

**Presenter: Craig Wood**, Partner, McGuire Woods

**Overview:** Most people hear “Title IX” and think “equal rights for girls in sports.” In fact, Title IX has much broader reach than sports equity, especially as it relates to sexual misconduct by students affecting the academic and other aspects of school life. Failure to understand and apply the federal regulations that apply to sexual misconduct situations can lead to costly lawsuits and can place federal funding in jeopardy.

Fee: \$165 (half day workshop: 9 am – 1 pm, including lunch)

Registration Deadline: November 27

Location: Doubletree by Hilton, Charlottesville, 990 Hilton Heights Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901

Room Rate: \$129 single/double

### **January 5-7 – 2020 VASS-VASBO Annual Winter Conference**

Agenda: will be available in November 2019

Fee: \$250

Location: Hilton Richmond Downtown, 501 East Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219

Room Rate: \$147 single/double

Cut-off Date: December 20, 2019

Free Parking and Internet

### **February 5 – [“Performance Assessment: A Deeper Dive into Deeper Learning”](#)**

**Presenters:**

**Jay McTighe**, International Education Consultant and Founder of McTighe & Associates

**Chris Gareis**, Professor of Education, College of William & Mary

**Overview:** Deeper learning has been defined as the “process through which an individual becomes capable of taking what was learned in one situation and applying it to a new situation” (National Research Council, 2012). This means preparing students for college, career, and civic life, alike, in a world of changing technologies, economies, and demographics. Building from the work across Virginia and beyond, this workshop will take a deeper dive into how performance assessments can promote deeper learning.

Content of this workshop will be based in part on feedback from participants in the October 9, 2019, Performance Assessment workshop

Fee: \$210

Registration Deadline: January 29

Location: Virginia Crossings

Room Rate: \$94 single/double

### **April 26-28 – 2020 VASS Annual Spring Conference**

Agenda: will be available in January 2020

Fee: \$275

Location: Hotel Roanoke & Convention Center, 110 Shenandoah Ave., Roanoke, VA 24016

Room Rate: \$167 single/double

Cut-off Date: April 12, 2020

**More information and online registration for all of these VASS Workshops and Conferences is available on the VASS website: [www.vassonline.org](http://www.vassonline.org)**

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