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EDUSTAT CONFERENCE 2009 SETS CHALLENGE- ENGAGING A NEW GENERATION OF LEARNERS



Dr. Deborah Petit, Superintendent Louisa County Schools and Joanne Wagner, Assistant Superintendent Nelson County Schools

More than 600 educators from Virginia and across the nation convened at Monticello High School in Charlottesville during July 19-21 for Edustat University 2009. The three day conference, focused on 21st Century learning, was a collaborative leadership event of the Virginia School University Partnership, the Curry School of the University of Virginia, Albemarle Public Schools, and SchoolNet, Inc. This year's

conference featured keynote speakers and recognized authors Jay McTighe and Tony Wagner.

On Day One, a moderated dialogue at the opening session regarding performance based accountability and 21st century skills with Bob Pianta, Dean of the Curry School of Education, Pam Moran, Superintendent of Albemarle County Schools, and Jonathan Harber, CEO of Schoolnet Inc. set the stage for conference events.

Scott Harti, President of Expeditionary Learning, and Marco Torres, Teacher of the Year, San Fernando High School intrigued audiences with video and virtual glimpses into proven practices in 21st century

classrooms.

Case Studies presenters from school divisions across Virginia, Texas, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Ohio shared experiences and methodology regarding successful practices for the analysis and application of data .

A full day of training in the specialized data coaching process was provided to interested workshop participants by the Center for Leadership in Education.

Additional information on conference events is available at **Edustat.com**. Educators are invited to join bloggers at this site to continue to discuss issues, debate ideas, and further explore information from Edustat University 2009.

PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE-**VSUP.ORG**

In an effort to provide current, easy to access information about the Virginia School University Partnership, VSUP now has the

website **vsup.org**.

Information about the organization, meetings, conferences, and activities are posted . Members are

encouraged to bookmark this site as a useful professional development resource and quick guide to partnership events.

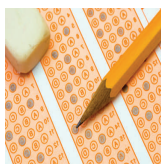
Test Bank Focus for 09-10

School division partnership representatives for Math 5, 6, 7, and 8, Social Studies, and Grade 3 Reading are in the process of being organized for Test Bank Workgroups for 2009-10. The groups will meet at the Albemarle Resource Center in Charlottesville on the following dates: October 8, November 19, January 28, and February 18.

New this year are the addi-

tion of Math 5 and Grade 3 Reading as focus areas.

All participating school divisions are encouraged to contribute draft test item questions for the peer review process. The October 8 session will include professional development for veteran and new test bank members with Joan Spence Harper.



Regional Workshops Planned

To facilitate the goal of continuous professional development and collaboration, three regional workshops are scheduled for VSUP. The dates are: October 13, 2009, December 8, 2009, and March 25, 2010. The focus of the meetings is

Performance –based Assessment and Twenty-first Century Learning. Key instructional leaders from VSUP will facilitate sessions. Information regarding locations and registration will be provided in September.



VSUP PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR 2009-

Event	Date(s)	Audience	Presenters	
Guiding Your Students to Higher Achievement with the New Math SOL* (*Register now)	Sept. 22 (K-3) Sept. 23(4-8) Sept. 24, 2009 -(High School)	Teachers, principals, central office, specialists, coordinators	Dan Mulligan	Charlottesville- Doubletree <i>Registration open now: information at vsup.org</i>
What Principals Need to Know and Do in Literacy Instruction – A Reading Workshop for Secondary Administrators	Oct.16,2009	Middle and High School Principals and Assistant Principals; instructional leaders	Virginia Bowerman	Holiday Inn Emmet Street Charlottesville, VA
Teaching Reading and Writing in the Middle School- A Workshop for Middle School Teachers	Oct. 21, 2009	Teachers, principals, central office, specialists, coordinators	Susan Beers	Charlottesville Doubletree
Guiding Your Students to Higher Achievement with the New Math SOL* (*Register now)	Nov. 4, 2009 (K-3) Nov. 5, 2009 (4-8) Nov. 6, 2009 (High School)	Teachers, principals, central office, specialists, coordinators	Dan Mulligan	Hotel Roanoke Roanoke, VA
ELL: How Teachers and Administrators Can Implement Key Strategies for Student Success	Nov. 11, 2009	Classroom teachers, principals, central office, specialists, coordinators, special education teachers, ESL teachers	Lisa Schick and Laura Feichtinger-McGrath	Holiday Inn Emmet Street, Charlottesville, VA
Schooling by Design in 21 st Century Schools	Nov.16, 2009	For summer conference attendees <u>and</u> all teachers, principals, central office, specialists,	Jay McTighe	Charlottesville Doubletree
Teachers As Leaders	TBA- Spring 2010	Teachers, teacher leaders, specialists, administrators	Laurie McCullough	TBD