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PRESS RELEASE

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The *"Practices of Promise for Schools in Challenging Environments"* Summit will be held Thursday, December 11, 2014 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Virginia Commonwealth University. The summit is a product of the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Task Force on Schools in Challenging Environments, which began its work in June of 2013. This one-day summit, a partnership of the VSBA, the Office of the Governor, the Virginia Department of Education, the VCU School of Education, and the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS), will highlight the Task Force's work and feature research and best practices from educational leaders from across the Commonwealth.

Representatives from Harrisonburg City Public Schools will be presenting three sessions at the summit. Laura Feichtinger-McGrath, ESL Coordinator, will present the session "Meeting the Needs of ESL Learners." Andrea Early, Executive Director of School Nutrition, will present the session "Nutrition and Poverty - How We Encourage 'Smart' Decisions." April Howard, Coordinator of Psychological and Student Services, will present the session "Connecting With Parents to Address the Social, Emotional and Physical Well-Being of Children."

Dr. Scott Kizner, Superintendent of Schools, states that the involvement of HCPS staff in the summit "is a testimony to the expertise of our staff and the statewide respect our school system receives." Educational leaders from across Virginia, including school board members, superintendents, central office and building level staff, and local and state government officials will be in attendance.

THE MEDIA IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

When: Thursday, December 11, 2014 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Virginia Commonwealth University, Student Commons, 907 Floyd Avenue, Richmond, VA

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