Creating Strategic Readers: Strategies for all Readers

These professional development opportunities are designed for all Virginia administrators, teachers of kindergarten, first, second, and third grades, as well as, K-3 English as a second language (ESL) teachers, Title I teachers, and K-12 special education teachers.

Presenter: Valerie Ellery

Locations and Dates:

• Williamsburg, Virginia: Woodlands Hotel & Suites - January 27, 2007 (9 am – 4 pm)
• Abingdon, Virginia: Southwest Higher Education Center - March 3, 2007 (9 am - 4 pm)

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to announce two regional, one-day professional development opportunities, “Creating Strategic Readers,” conducted by Valerie Ellery. Participants at this event will learn and practice research-proven strategies and techniques for developing competency in the five essential components of reading instruction as identified by the National Reading Panel.

Reading First in Virginia will provide lodging for participants who must travel more than 75 miles. The deadline for hotel reservations is January 16th for the Williamsburg Conference (Woodlands Hotel, 1-800-261-9530, booking code: UVAA07A) and February 16th for the Abingdon Conference (Abingdon Comfort Inn, 1-276-676-2222, booking code: READINGFIRST). You MUST enroll in the conference via the Reading First website prior to making your hotel reservation. If not, your hotel reservation may be cancelled.

Each conference will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. A continental breakfast and box lunch will be provided at no cost. One hundred spaces are available at each one-day conference. In order to allow the attendance of as many different schools as possible, there is a maximum enrollment of three participants per school.

Enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis and can be completed online at http://www.readingfirst.virginia.edu/ through January 25th for the January 27th Williamsburg session and through March 1st for the March 3rd Abingdon session.