

Welcome by Del. Richard L. Anderson:

Welcome to 2015 Virginia Civics Summit, sponsored by the Virginia Commission on Civics Education in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Education. I'm Virginia State Delegate Rich Anderson, chair of the Commission on Civics Education, and I represent the 51st House District in Prince William County, 30 miles south of the District of Columbia. I spent 30 years as a career officer in the United States Air Force before becoming a state legislator, and I will be your moderator for today activities.

The Commission on Civics Education is charged by the Code of Virginia with three missions: "(i) to educate students on the importance of citizen involvement in a constitutional republic, (ii) promote the study of state and local government among the Commonwealth's citizenry, and (iii) enhance communication and collaboration among organizations in the Commonwealth that conduct civics education." And that's where we work in collaboration and partnership with educators such as yourselves from across Virginia.

8:15am	Registration Opens
9:00am	Welcome and Introductions
9:10am	Remarks by Mrs. Dorothy McAuliffe, First Lady of Virginia
9:45am	Break (departure by Mrs. McAuliffe earlier than expected)
10:00am	Education Policy Panel discussion (moderated by Sen. Dave Marsden) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction- Dr. Billy K. Cannaday, Jr., President, State Board of Education- Robley Jones, Virginia Education Association- Dr. Tom Smith, Virginia Association of School Superintendents
11:00am	Analysis of 2015 Elections, Dr. Bob Holsworth & Dr. Quentin Kidd
12:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00 or 1:15pm	Remarks by Secretary of the Commonwealth Lavar M. Stoney
1:30pm	Remarks by Hon. Dr. Gene Hickok on Federal/State Education Policy
2:30pm	Remarks by Deputy Secretary of Education Holly Coy
3:00pm	Remarks by Gov. Terry McAuliffe
3:30pm	Summit conclusion

First Lady Dorothy S. McAuliffe

Since moving to Virginia over 20 years ago, Dorothy McAuliffe has served her community as a volunteer, especially in four areas: education, health, the arts, and supporting victims of domestic violence. As a mother of five children, she has engaged in a range of activities to support children's health and education throughout Virginia.

As First Lady of the Commonwealth, Mrs. McAuliffe is focused on the importance of childhood nutrition and food security throughout Virginia. She is working to improve food delivery systems to increase access to fresh and nutritious foods for children and families across the Commonwealth. She has visited schools, hospitals, and businesses around the state to promote the importance of children's health—and to advocate for closing the coverage gap to ensure that families receive the care and treatment they need to thrive.

Throughout the Governor's term, First Lady McAuliffe has promoted local agricultural and economic development to expand access to fresh, nutritious food products, believing that, by improving food security in Virginia, we can reduce healthcare costs, improve the health of our children, and encourage stronger educational outcomes.

Please welcome the First Lady of the Commonwealth, Dorothy McAuliffe.

Education Policy Panel Discussion

Sen. David W. Marsden, 37th Senate District, Fairfax Virginia

- Former member of the Virginia House of Delegates, 2006-2010
- Senate Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources Cmte
- Senate Local Government Committee
- Senate Transportation Committee
- Vice chair, Virginia Commission on Civics Education

Dr. Steven R. Staples is the 24th Superintendent of Public Instruction at the Virginia Department of Education. He serves as executive officer of VDOE. He began his career in public education in 1976 in Prince George County where he taught elementary, middle, and high school students. He's a former principal of Hopewell High School and later served for 16 years as division superintendent in York County and was honored in 1997 as Virginia Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Staples received his doctorate in education administration and supervision from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Dr. Billy K. Cannaday, Jr. is the President of the Virginia Board of Education. Dr. Cannaday is the dean of the School of Continuing and Professional Studies at the University of Virginia, and previously served as Virginia's Superintendent of Public Instruction from 2006-2008. A career educator for more than 30 years, Dr. Cannaday has worked in a variety of elementary, middle, and high schools and was superintendent of two of the Commonwealth's largest school divisions. He received his doctorate in educational administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Robley Jones is the Director of Government Relations for the Virginia Education Association. Robley formerly served as state director for United States Senator Chuck Robb, president of the Virginia Education Association, and for 18 years as an English teacher in Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Robley received his BA and MS degrees from Old Dominion University.

Dr. Tom Smith is the Education Legislative Liaison for the Virginia Association of School Superintendents. He has served four decades as a teacher, educational consultant, director, and superintendent of schools. Dr. Smith received his doctorate in Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Virginia.

Analysis of 2015 Elections

Dr. Bob Holsworth is a regular speaker at the annual Virginia Civics Summit and is one of the leading political analysts in Virginia. He has authored five books and numerous articles on public policy and American politics. He was the Founding Director of both the Center for Public Policy and the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at VCU. Bob received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Quentin Kidd is also a regular at the annual Virginia Civics Summit and is a leading analyst and commentator on Virginia politics. At Christopher Newport University, he is a professor of Political Science, chair of the Department of Government, and director of the Wason Center for Public Policy. Dr. Kidd received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Texas Tech University.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Lavar M. Stoney

Levar M. Stoney is the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He is a native of Yorktown, VA, the first African American to serve as Secretary of the Commonwealth, and the youngest member of Gov. McAuliffe's administration. He is the keeper of the seal of the Commonwealth and administers gubernatorial appointments of nearly 4,000 individuals to serve on Virginia's boards and commissions.

Dr. Gene Hickok on Federal/State Education Policy

Dr. Gene Hickok is a former Pennsylvania Commissioner of Education and served as Deputy Secretary of Education in the administration of President George W. Bush. He has published numerous books and articles on topics related to the Constitution, the presidency, congress, and the courts. He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and received his master's and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

Deputy Secretary of Education Holly Coy

Deputy Secretary of Education Holly Coy serves as the principal deputy to Secretary of Education Anne Holton. She previously served as Policy Director in the Office of Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam. Before joining state government, she worked as the Executive Director of the Virginia Civic Engagement Table and as the Program Director for the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. Deputy Secretary Coy is a graduate of the University of Virginia and holds a Master's degree from the American University.

Honorable Terry McAuliffe, Governor of Virginia

And now, it's my honor to introduce Gov. Terry McAuliffe, 72nd Governor of Virginia.

Since his election, Gov. McAuliffe has made jobs creation, education, and support for Virginia veterans his top priorities. He worked in a bipartisan manner with lawmakers, including myself, to pass legislation that gives veterans academic credit for their military training as they pursue a college education and new career opportunities. He's a businessman who understands that a diversified, sustainable economy that includes high-tech jobs and strong support for entrepreneurs is essential for our future and our Commonwealth.

It's my pleasure to introduce to you, the 72nd Governor of CoVA, His Excellency, The Honorable Terry McAuliffe.