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Media Advisory: Governor Terry McAuliffe to Name 2016 Virginia Teacher of the Year

Governor Terry McAuliffe will announce the selection of the 2016 Virginia Teacher of the Year on Monday, October 19, during a reception at the Executive Mansion in Richmond. The reception is scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m.

The reception will be preceded by a 5 p.m. ceremony in the West Reading Room of the Patrick Henry Building honoring all eight 2016 Virginia Regional Teachers of the Year, one of whom will be named by the governor as the commonwealth's top teacher.

The eight regional winners in the running for 2016 Virginia Teacher of the Year are as follows:

- Christopher Averill, a history teacher at Cosby High in Chesterfield County (Region 1)
- Lauren Osborn, an English teacher at Poquoson High in Poquoson (Region 2)
- Stacey Rice-Lee, an English teacher at Northumberland Middle in Northumberland County (Region 3)
- Kimberly Scott, an English teacher at Franklin Middle in Fairfax County (Region 4)
- Kenneth "Spence" White Jr., a drama, stagecraft and public speaking teacher at Jefferson Forrest High in Bedford County (Region 5)
- Natalie DiFusco-Funk, a fifth-grade teacher at West Salem Elementary in Salem (Region 6)
- Ruthanne Cole, a science teacher at Bland County High in Bland County (Region 7)
- Edward McCann Jr., an agricultural education teacher at Appomattox County High in Appomattox County (Region 8)

News media representatives must RSVP by email by 12 p.m., Monday, October 19 with:

- Charles Pyle, director of communications, Virginia Department of Education, at Charles.Pyle@doe.virginia.gov; and
- Kaci Easley, director of the Executive Mansion, at Kaci.Easley@governor.virginia.gov.

News media representatives must have photo identification for admittance to both the recognition ceremony at the Patrick Henry Building and the reception and announcement by Governor McAuliffe at the Executive Mansion.

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