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Navigating White Water: Teaching, Learning, and Leading for Today and Tomorrow

by Phyllis Milne

"We live in a constant, churning, changing environment . . . As the world continues to change, educators must ask, 'Is our school district prepared for permanent white water?'" (Covey, 2004)

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A Letter from the President of Virginia ASCD

by Betsy Poulsen

"More and more, the kinds of opportunities that are open to you are going to be determined by how far you go in school. Your success in school is not just going to determine your success, it's going to determine America's success in the 21st century." President Barack Obama, September 14, 2010

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Teaching, Learning, and Leading in a Changing World

VASCD Board of Directors Adopts a New Position Statement---
September 30, 2010

Recommendations

VASCD supports teaching, learning, and leading that focuses on student success in a complex, rapidly changing world. This responsibility requires schools to provide essential skills that equip students to

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Feature Events

Regional Conference - [Algebra Goes to Elementary School: How to Engage Students with New K-5 Math Concepts](#). October 13, 2010 in Salem, VA

Regional Conference - [The Empty Desk: Why We Lose At-Risk Learners and How Brain-Compatible Teaching Can Help](#). October 22, 2010 in South Hill, VA

Regional Conference - [Grading and Assessment Practices that Enhance Learning](#). November 2, 2010 in Luray, VA

VASCD's 2010 Annual Conference - [Teaching, Learning, and Leading for Today and Tomorrow](#). December 1-3, 2010 in Williamsburg, VA.

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changing world. This responsibility requires schools to provide essential skills that equip students to successfully navigate technological, societal, economic, informational, and demographic issues.

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From the Desk of Virginia ASCD's Executive Director

by Ann Etchison

I'm not sure whether I feel exhilarated or exhausted, encouraged or discouraged, enlightened or confused by all of the media attention to public education in the last few weeks. Oprah Winfrey's two shows on education, [NBC's Education Nation](#), the release of [Waiting for Superman](#), the announcement of a \$100 million dollar matching grant from Facebook founder, Mark Zuckerberg, to the [Newark Schools](#), and the constant blog chatter about these and other events leaves me wondering if public education is truly on the precipice of significant reform.

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Virginia ASCD Seeks Input on the Next Issue of Virginia Educational Leadership

We are seeking your feedback on what types of articles you would like to see included in Virginia Educational Leadership, the online journal published by VASCD. Please take a brief minute to complete [this two question survey](#). All responses are anonymous, and your feedback will help us make the journal more responsive to your needs. For information on writing for the journal, [click here](#).

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National Blogging for Real Education Reform

Join fellow educators in this grassroots event

Join America's social media educational community on November 22 to describe the change you think education needs - in America, in the UK, in Australia, in Ireland, in Canada, wherever. While the date ties to a uniquely "American" celebration, it's designed to push the education conversation across the globe as those in the U.S. gather with their families for Thanksgiving.

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Teaching, Learning, and Leading for Today and Tomorrow

How can we be innovative and develop new programs and services while facing extensive regulations and severe budget constraints? [Willard Daggett](#) will share the lessons learned about leadership in the nation's most rapidly improving schools. The leadership in these schools is not restricted to administrators. Teachers, parents, and community members become part of the "Quadrant D leadership team," which is driven by a common vision and is deeply committed to empowering everyone to help achieve that vision.

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