

To: School Improvement Identified Schools
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Virginia Foundation for Educational Leadership
Breaking Ranks in the Middle (BRIM) Training Workshop

Breaking Ranks in the Middle and Breaking Ranks II are part of the Virginia Principals for the 21st Century Initiative (Principal 21 C).

Breaking Ranks in the Middle (BRIM) For Elementary and Middle School Leaders

Training will be held at two locations this fall:

September 23-24, 2009

*Sheraton Park South Hotel
9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond
Registration Deadline: Sept. 9, 2009*

October 26-27, 2009

*Williamsburg Marriott
50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg
Registration Deadline: Oct. 7, 2009*

VASSP is offering a two-day workshop for elementary and middle school leaders interested in turning their schools around. The highly acclaimed Breaking Ranks in the Middle training is research-based and provides strategies, techniques, and resources so school administrators can lead their faculties toward school improvement and increased student achievement. The two-day workshop training provides administrators with a training manual and the copyright license to use the manual with their school faculties. Workshop trainers are experienced Virginia school principals selected by VFEL and have been trained and certified by VASSP and NASSP as *trainers of trainers*.

Breaking Ranks in the Middle training includes: 1) the theory around what elementary and middle schools SHOULD BE, 2) reform ideas from practitioners, 3) statement of principles and a template for action, and 4) a complete list of 30 recommendations. The recommendations are divided into three segments: **Collaborative Leadership and Professional Learning Communities, Personalization and the School Environment, and Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.**

A workshop will be held at the Sheraton Park South, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, Virginia on September 23-24 and another at the Williamsburg Marriott, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, Virginia on October 26-27. Be sure to say you are attending a VFEL workshop to receive the special conference rate of \$89.00 + 13% tax at the Sheraton Park South and \$85.00 + 10% tax + \$2.00 room tax at the Williamsburg Marriott. For overnight accommodations at the Sheraton South Park, make reservations by calling (804) 323-1144 **by Wednesday, September 9th**. For overnight accommodations at the Williamsburg Marriott, make reservations by calling (757) 220-2500 **by Wednesday, October 7th**. Participants are responsible for their own hotel accommodations. **Make your room reservations early to avoid disappointment.** For more information contact Sydney Thomas at (804) 355-2777, Ext. 14, or by e-mail: stthomas@vfel.org.

Workshop fee: \$525 per person from schools identified by the Office of School Improvement,
Virginia Department of Education.

Fee includes instruction, training manual, BRIM copyright license, continental breakfast and lunch for both days. Training Day One is 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Day Two is 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION FORM

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| Name | Title | | |
| School | School Division | | |
| School Address | City | State | Zip |
| School Phone | School FAX | E-Mail | |

REGISTRATION FEE (please select location):

- _____ \$525 enclosed Richmond (9/23-24)
Registration Deadline: Sept 9th
- Williamsburg (10/26-27)
Registration Deadline: Oct 7th

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO "VFEL" AND MAIL TO:
VFEL/BRIM Workshop
4909 Cutshaw Avenue
Richmond, VA 23230