



## **THE TESTING PRISM: REFLECTIONS IN VIRGINIA**

### **CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

VATD 2014 will have a superintendents' panel discussing assessment concerns from their points of view, chaired by Stewart Roberson, former superintendent of schools in Hanover, who has worked with Shelley on the Innovation Committee. Panelists will include the current superintendents of Hanover County (Dr. Jamielle Wilson); Henry County, (Dr. Jared Cotton); and Charlottesville City (Dr. Rosa Atkins).

Other speakers will include VDOE staff on current Virginia assessments as well as other experts in ability testing, classroom assessments, and benchmark testing.

We are asking that conference participants submit proposals for breakout sessions that will cover the range of duties of the DDOT in preparing for, conducting, using, and reporting test results in your school district. Assessments to consider would be benchmark tests, classroom assessments, group ability tests, PSAT/SAT, and of course, the SOL assessments. Other ideas to consider: How is your school system using student achievement in teacher and administrative personnel evaluations? Do you have any "tips of the trade" for newer DDOTS to manage testing programs successfully? Does your division use classroom, teacher, or parent survey data for decision making? Do you have a partnership with one of the testing vendors to assist you in your district testing program? Share your best practices with others!

Sessions will be 50 minutes in length including time for questions and answers. Deadline for submitting proposals is Oct 7.