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**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS & EDUCATORS TO PARTICIPATE IN VCIC BUILDING INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS RETREAT**

For the first time, teams of educators from Chesterfield County Public Schools (CCPS) will participate in the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities' "Building Inclusive Schools" retreat. Representatives from Central Office, C.E Curtis Elementary, Chalkley Elementary, Falling Creek Elementary, Falling Creek Middle, Manchester High, Meadowbrook High, and Midlothian High Schools will represent CCPS at the program, scheduled to take place from June 24-27 at Sweet Briar College.

This intense four-day summer retreat was created by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities to provide a forum for sharing strategies on how to develop more inclusive and equitable learning communities. CCPS educators will learn about how bias and prejudice can affect learning and teaching. Through interactive workshops and small group discussions, participants will design different approaches to creating a supportive learning environment. At the conclusion of the retreat, educators will design action plans for schools, focusing on closing gaps in opportunity and achievement, and on creating an inclusive school atmosphere.

Along with this retreat, VCIC will provide additional support to selected CCPS schools throughout the 2019-2020 school year. Past participating schools have seen significant reductions in discipline referrals, increases in family engagement, and improvements in school climate.

The Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success by addressing prejudices, in all forms, in order to improve academic achievement, increase workplace productivity, and enhance local trust. Through workshops, retreats, and customized programs that raise knowledge, motivation, and skills, VCIC develops leaders who work together to achieve success throughout the Commonwealth.

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