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EDUCATORS TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO REDUCE BULLYING AT INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES FORUM

Norfolk, VA – Nearly 40 educators representing K-12 schools from across South Hampton Roads will participate in the Tidewater Anti-Bullying Forum, sponsored by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. The program takes place on Tuesday, September 21 from 9:00am – 2:00pm at WHRO in Norfolk.

Bullying continues to be a challenge for schools across the Commonwealth. A July 7, 2011 article in the Washington Post noted that “The Virginia School Safety Survey, a statewide survey for principals and superintendents, recently reported that 92% of middle school students were concerned with bullying, as were 83% of elementary school students and 77% of high school students.”

This day-long, interactive conference brings educators together to build awareness of the causes and effect of bullying in schools. Workshops will provide opportunities for educators to participate in small and large group dialogue, examine new research and resources, and consider ways to make meaningful change within their school communities.

Educators from Chesapeake Public Schools, Norfolk Public Schools, Portsmouth Public Schools, Suffolk Public Schools, and Virginia Beach City Public Schools have been invited to attend. Pre-registration is required.

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