

Registration Form

YES! I want to attend the Thomas Jefferson Institute's "Excellence in Education" conference to learn more about innovative education ideas.

I have enclosed my registration fee of \$25, payable to the "Thomas Jefferson Institute."

I am interested in visiting the original Jamestown excavation site. Please send me more information when this is confirmed.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Office Telephone _____

Home Telephone _____

Fax _____

Email _____

Are you a (check all that apply)

- school board member teacher
- administrator parent

To help keep the registration fee low and ensure an accurate headcount, please indicate which functions you will NOT be attending:

- ___ Friday lunch ___ Friday dinner
- ___ Saturday breakfast

Please mail or fax to:

The Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy
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"Excellence in Education"

Conference Details

What: A conference about "out of the box" education ideas, designed for school board members, teachers, administrators, parents and policy-makers looking for innovative solutions to the challenges education faces.

When: The conference begins at 12:00 noon on Friday, November 15 with a panel discussion on special education challenges and solutions. It ends at with an optional bus tour to the Jamestown excavation at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 16.

Where: The Woodlands Conference Center in Colonial Williamsburg.

Price: To encourage wide participation, the conference fee is only \$25 per person.

Hotel: The conference will be held at the Woodlands Conference Center. To make room reservations at any of the on-site Colonial Williamsburg Hotels, call 1-800-HISTORY.

Introducing

"Out of the Box Ideas"

for K-12 Education

Curriculum

Facilities

Charter Schools

Special Education

"Excellence in Education Conference"

November 15-16, 2002
Colonial Williamsburg, VA

What if ...

...You could build school facilities *without* a bond referendum?

...Reform special education to focus on student learning results?

...Create a school addressing the specific needs of a specific student population?

...Find a curriculum that would help your school pass the SOLs and meet “Adequate Yearly Progress”?

...Hear a genuine *debate* about school choice?

Come learn how you can make it happen here in Virginia!

Welcome to “Out of the Box” ideas

Sometimes new ideas work.
Sometimes they don't.
But if you never hear about them, you'll never know.

That's why the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy is sponsoring an “Excellence in Education” conference with “Out of the Box” education ideas on November 15-16 in Colonial Williamsburg. Designed for local school board members, teachers, administrators, parents and policy-makers, this conference will provide you with tools and ideas to help your schools, your students and your children succeed in the task at hand.

Learn how other schools are built in less time for less money, without a bond referendum.

Find out what the President's Commission on Special Education recommends— and how it would focus on alternatives to the current, paperwork-driven compliance model.

Learn about the range of successful charter schools — from schools using Open Court reading and Saxon math to schools using “Expeditionary Learning.”

Discover how the Core Knowledge program has helped hundreds of underachieving children in schools by building a sequential curriculum based on the principle that “learning builds on learning.”

Speakers

Confirmed speakers include:

George Billups

State Conference, NAACP

Yvonne Chan

Principal, Vaughn New Century Learning Charter School (San Fernando, CA)

Mark Christie

President, Virginia State Board of Education

Karen Dresden

Principal, Capital City Charter School (Washington, DC)

Harold L. Ellis

President, Public-Private Infrastructure, Inc.

Honorable Lisa Graham Keegan

President, Education Leaders Council

Lawrence Patrick

President, Black Alliance for Educational Options

Douglas Storer

Director, The Haskell Company (Winter Park, FL)

Gerald Terrel

Vice President, Core Knowledge Foundation

Johnathan Williams

Principal, The Accelerated Charter School (2001 TIME Magazine School of the Year) (Los Angeles, CA)

Conference Schedule

Friday, November 15

- 12:00 pm Luncheon Panel: “Rethinking Special Education for a New Century”
- 2:00 pm Panel: “Innovative and Workable Ideas for Building Schools”
- 3:45 pm Debate: “School Choice: Student Salvation or Taxpayer Ripoff?”
- 6:00 pm Dinner Panel: “The Alphabet Soup of Accountability: SOLs and NCLB and how they'll help *all* Children”

Saturday, November 16

- 8:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am Panel: “Successful Charter Schools: Case Studies From Around the Nation”
- 10:45 am Panel: “Building on What they Know: The Core Knowledge Curriculum”
- 12:00 pm Tentative: Bus Tour to the original Jamestown Excavation site (additional fee)

About the Thomas Jefferson Institute...

The Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy is a non-partisan research and education organization devoted to improving the lives of the people in Virginia. Organized in 1996, it was the only state-and-local-government-focused public policy foundation in Virginia based on a philosophy of limited government, free enterprise and individual responsibility. We are a “solutions tank” seeking better ways to accomplish the policies and programs currently undertaken by state and local government. We work with Virginia's political, business and community leadership to bring new and creative ideas to the public policy discussion.

Members of the Thomas Jefferson Institute's Board of Directors range from Ronald Reagan's former White House political director to the Virginia Democratic State Party chairman; from the president and CEO of Verizon-Virginia to the current Virginia Secretary of Administration.