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Virginia Named CoSN's 18th State Chapter

Washington, DC (April 9, 2014) – The [Consortium for School Networking](#) (CoSN) today announced its 18th U.S. state chapter: the Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE) CoSN Council.

As a CoSN state chapter, VSTE CTO Council will drive K-12 education technology efforts on the state level, working with other chapter leaders – from New York to California – to share best practices and advocate for district technology leaders.

"VSTE is excited to become a CoSN state chapter. We see this as an opportunity to provide training and support for education technology leaders in Virginia," said Karen Richardson, Executive Director, VSTE. "CoSN's expertise, valuable resources and leadership in ed tech advocacy will only strengthen VSTE, and this partnership is truly a win-win."

"We warmly welcome CoSN's newest state chapter in the Commonwealth of Virginia," said Jean Tower, CoSN Chair, Director of Technology, Public Schools of Northborough and Southborough in Massachusetts. "Our state chapter structure is a strength of our organization, providing local leadership, support, and professional development opportunities that align to and take advantage of the myriad of resources that CoSN provides. We look forward to collaborating with the VSTE CoSN Council to empower educational leaders in Virginia to leverage technology."

The Virginia state chapter will work to:

- Advocate for the professional development of education technology directors, administrators, and leaders of Virginia;
- Elevate the professional practice of education technology leaders by coordinating and providing professional development, peer networking, and collaborative opportunities for members;
- Support education technology leaders in providing visionary leadership, sound research, and best-in-class examples and case studies; and
- Foster collaborative teams with other professions (e.g., curriculum, finance) to coordinate strategic leadership for Virginia school divisions.

"As a Certified Education Technology Leader (CETL), I know the value of professional development programs to build the knowledge, skills, and, ultimately, leadership in my school division. VSTE is looking forward to increasing the number of CETL certified

educators in the state and strengthening the efforts of district technology leaders across the country,” said Dr. Barbara Gruber, CETL, President, VSTE Board of Directors.

Virginia joins the following CoSN state members: California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

To learn more about the VSTE CoSN Council, please visit: www.vste.org/index/about/cosn.

To learn more about CoSN’s state chapters, please visit:
<http://cosn.org/about/membership/state-chapters>.

About the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN)

CoSN is the premier professional association for school system technology leaders. The mission of CoSN is to empower educational leaders to leverage technology to realize engaging learning environments. Visit www.cosn.org or call 866-267-08747 to find out more about CoSN’s [focus areas](#), [annual conference and events](#), [advocacy and policy](#), [membership](#) and the [CETL certification exam](#).

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