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Hello, Virginia Agricultural Educators,

Due to the COVID 19 health crisis, Virginia Association of Agricultural Educators has decided to cancel the 2020 VAAE Summer Professional Development Conference in Suffolk, VA. This cancellation will protect the health and safety of you, our members, other attendees, instructors, and community.

Since every school division across the Commonwealth will be handling the COVID 19 situation differently, the Virginia Association of Agricultural Educators will not host a virtual conference during the summer.

However, if you need professional development, please be sure to be on the Virginia Aged list-serve. This is an excellent resource. LaVeta Nutter, our DOE specialist, also sends out information regarding professional development opportunities. In addition, the National Association of Agricultural Educators is also hosting professional development opportunities.

We are planning to hold the 2021 VAAE Summer Professional Development Conference in Suffolk, VA. I am hoping that Busch Gardens will work with us to allow us to have the tours. I will keep you updated.

Also, just a reminder that your VAAE dues will be due July 1, 2020. Andy and I will be sending out a reminder about your professional organization dues closer to the due date. This will also have instructions on renewing your membership or how to join.

Please be safe, stay healthy, and most important let us know if you need help. This is a unique and a vastly different situation but remember, we are ag teachers, we are family, and we are in this together.

Sincerely,

*Teresa Lindberg*

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