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#### **McDonnell's Transportation Plan Misguided**

The VEA is troubled that the Comprehensive Statewide Transportation Plan unveiled by Bob McDonnell diverts funds traditionally utilized to fund core state services such as public schools, higher education, health and public safety.

"This is absolutely the wrong time to pit the interests of the construction industry against Virginia's school children," said VEA President Kitty Boitnott, PhD, NBCT. "The proposal to divert these hundreds of millions in funds comes at a time when the current revenue stream is insufficient to fund current education and other core state programs."

McDonnell's plan destroys the line between the state's General Fund, which has traditionally supported schools and other core services, and the Non-General Fund, which has historically been used for our roads.

"The diversion of funds for public education is consistent with then Delegate McDonnell's vote against Governor Warner's plan to provide \$1.5 billion to Virginia's schools in 2004," said Boitnott.

"Our members understand the importance of addressing Virginia's transportation needs," said Boitnott, "but surely we can find a way to pay for it that doesn't penalize our schools and our students."