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Duluth--- A two-day workshop for resource teachers of children with special learning disabilities (SLD) will be held Tuesday and Wednesday (Oct. 29-30) in the Marquette School at Virginia.

School personnel such as remedial reading teachers, special education teachers, speech therapists and administrators are invited to attend the workshop, sponsored by the Educational Research and Development Council of Northeast Minnesota (RAND).

Registration will be from 9 - 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Marquette School.

Tuesday's program includes a 10 a.m. talk on "Identifying the child with special Learning Disabilities in the Classroom" by Dr. Allen Ratcliffe, Pange Mental Health Center; a demonstration of SLD teaching procedures at 2:30 p.m. by Donna Johnson, and William Suave, Mountain Iron; an overview of dimensions of SLD at 2:30 p.m. by Dr. Elizabeth Gallistel, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; and visitation of the Virginia Schools SLD Center at 3:30 p.m.

Time has been set aside in the morning for discussion and small group sessions.

At 9 a.m. Wednesday, the SLD program of the Virginia Public Schools will be discussed by Bettye Bakkum, director of special education. At 10:30 a.m., Dr. Gallistel will discuss materials and methods for SLD programs.

Also, on Wednesday, there will be a 1 p.m. program on practicum experiences in activities relevant to SLD program development, and a 2:30 p.m. discussion of state-wide SLD activities by Carolyn Elliott, SLD consultant for the Minnesota State Department of Education. Workshop participants may also visit the Virginia SLD Center at 3:30 p.m.