

Attachment 1

Abigail Spanberger @SpanbergerForVA · Aug 8

Virginia students, parents, & educators deserve a Governor who will make sure we deliver on the promise of a great education.

That's why I'm rolling out my plan to strengthen Virginia's schools.



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Today in Portsmouth, I outlined my plan to strengthen Virginia's schools.


As Governor, I'll work to strengthen our K-12 schools, higher education system, and Virginia's early childhood care & education — making sure every Virginia child can succeed, no matter their zip code.



L. Louise Lucas and 2 others

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 **Princess R. Moss** is with **Princess Moss** in **Portsmouth, VA**.
August 8 · 🌐

Honored to kick off **Abigail Spanberger**'s announcement of her "Strengthening Virginia Schools Plan." Spanberger was joined by teammates **Ghazala Hashmi** for Lieutenant Governor and **Jay Jones** for Attorney General.

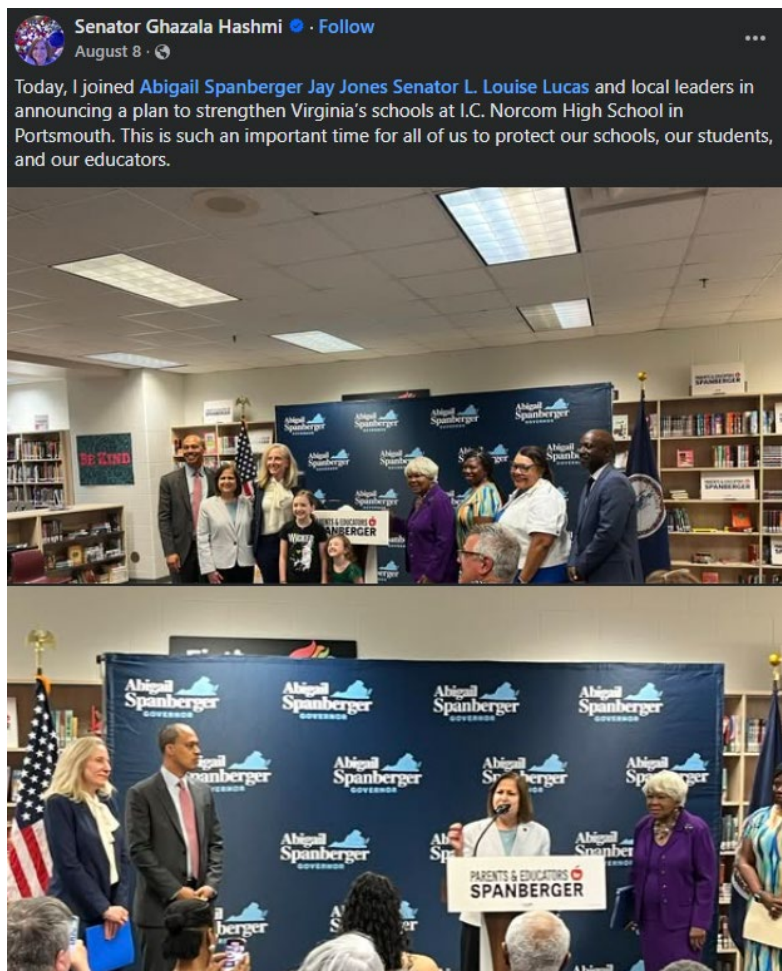
Also on the program were VA Senate President Pro Tempore Louise Lucas; Portsmouth Middle School Teacher of the Year Shauneille Perry-Wallace; and Antonne Smalls, US Navy veteran and parent. Educators and Parents filled the Library of I.C.Norcum High School, where Se... See more




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 Rodney K. Nickens Jr. is at I. C. Norcom High School.
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Standing with parents, educators, and public safety leaders in support of Abigail Spanberger's vision for Virginia's future. 📚 🍎 From classrooms to communities, we're united behind a leader who will fight for our families and invest in what matters most. #Spanberger2025 #ParentsAndEducatorsForSpanberger #TeamRodney #HamptonRoads



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Attachment 2



Katrina Downey <katrina.downey@portsk12.com>

Re: Senator L Louise Lucas-Visit to IC Norcom High School-Friday, August 8, 2025

1 message

Katrina Downey <katrina.downey@portsk12.com>

Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 4:25 PM

To: Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com>

Cc: Ronald Hill <ronald.hill@portsk12.com>, Elie Bracy <elie.bracy@portsk12.com>, Teesha Sanders <teesha.sanders@portsk12.com>, Michael Hines <michael.hines@portsk12.com>, Clarence Brown <clarence.brown@portsk12.com>

Good afternoon! Thank you!

On Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 3:20 PM Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon Mr. Hill:

Dr. Bracy, superintendent, has approved Senator L. Louise Lucas' use of IC Norcom High School, Friday, August 8, 2025. The event will be held in the media center. It will begin at 10am. Please have members of the service crew arrive at IC Norcom at 9am to assist the team from Senator Lucas' office with the setup for the event.

In addition, please work with our lawn care service to ensure the grounds are manicured for that day, with shrubs trimmed, mulch down, grass cut, ect. Please secure 50 folding chairs for the event. I will provide more details as we get closer to Friday, August 8, 2025. Thank you in advance for overseeing this event. Let me know if you have questions.

All the best,

Dr. Jerry L. Simmons
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Fwd: Introduction to Dr. Jerry Simmons – Coordination for Upcoming Event at I.C. Norcom

1 message

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Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 6:16 AM

To: Teesha Sanders <teesha.sanders@portsk12.com>, Deildra Batten <deildra.batten@portsk12.com>

Good morning,

Please see the attached building use agreement request. After you take action, please return it to me.

Thank you,

Katrina

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Annabelle Trowbridge** <annabelle@abigailspanberger.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 4:26 PM

Subject: Re: Introduction to Dr. Jerry Simmons – Coordination for Upcoming Event at I.C. Norcom

To: Katrina Downey <katrina.downey@portsk12.com>

Cc: Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com>, Sophia Shapiro <sophia@abigailspanberger.com>

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Re: Introduction to Dr. Jerry Simmons – Coordination for Upcoming Event at I.C. Norcom

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Teesha Sanders <teesha.sanders@portsk12.com>

Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 4:29 PM

To: Annabelle Trowbridge <annabelle@abigailspanberger.com>

Cc: Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com>, Sophia Shapiro <sophia@abigailspanberger.com>, Elie Bracy <elie.bracy@portsk12.com>

So far I have 20 teachers. How many would you like?

Teesha Sanders

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On Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 4:28 PM Annabelle Trowbridge <annabelle@abigailspanberger.com> wrote:

Hi there!

That is excellent news! Do you know how many teachers there are?

On Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 4:24 PM Teesha Sanders <teesha.sanders@portsk12.com> wrote:

Good afternoon. I have invited teachers to the event. I will also speak with them the morning of August 8th.

Thanks

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Attachment 4



Friday, Oct. 24, 2025

Victoria Manning

vm@restoration-news.com

Ms. Manning -

This letter is to acknowledge your request for information dated Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, and received in my office that day via email.

You requested:

1. The facility-use or rental application submitted for that event, including the date received and name of applicant.
2. Any approvals and correspondence from the school board, school principal, Building Services, district administrators, or the Superintendent's Office regarding the event.
3. Records of payment for rental, custodial, or security fees, including invoices, receipts, or waivers.
4. A copy of the certificate of insurance or proof of coverage submitted for the event.
5. Any security arrangements or coordination documents related to the event (including emails or memos between PPS staff and local law enforcement).

The event was closed to the public, did not charge guests and occurred mid-day when school buildings were already open, so there were no facility or custodial fees. In addition, the organization provided its own security staffing. Consequently, there were no charges from the division/payment received from the organization. As such, there are no records responsive to items 3 and 5.

There are also no records responsive to item 4.

The rest of the records responsive to your request are attached. Please note duplicate copies of responsive records held by other custodians were not separately produced because identical versions are included in the production.

If you have additional questions, feel free to contact me at lauren.nolasco@portsk12.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Lauren Nolasco, APR
Chief Communications Officer
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Thu, Aug 7, 2025 at 7:36 AM

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Best,
Annabelle

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Good morning!

We will need one additional room where we can film content before and after the event - but we have no preference as to where it is.

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Best,
Sophia

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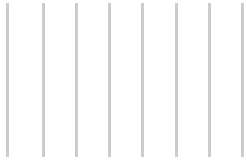
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Teesha Sanders <teesha.sanders@portsk12.com>

Re: Introduction to Dr. Jerry Simmons – Coordination for Upcoming Event at I.C. Norcom

1 message

Teesha Sanders <teesha.sanders@portsk12.com>

Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 4:24 PM

To: Annabelle Trowbridge <annabelle@abigailspanberger.com>

Cc: Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com>, Sophia Shapiro <sophia@abigailspanberger.com>, Elie Bracy <elie.bracy@portsk12.com>

Good afternoon. I have invited teachers to the event. I will also speak with them the morning of August 8th.

Thanks

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Best,
Annabelle

On Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 1:20 PM Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com> wrote:
Good Afternoon Annabelle:

I have copied Ms. Sanders, who is the principal of IC Norcom High School. Since the event is being held there, and it is the first day back for teachers, Ms. Sanders will be better positioned to assist with teachers/staff attending the event. I have copied Dr. Bracy, Superintendent, on this response as well. Thanks so much.

All the best,

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Good morning,

I am in receipt of your email. I forwarded the building request to the Principal, and I will let you know when I receive her response. Have a great day!

Thank you,

Katrina

On Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 4:26 PM Annabelle Trowbridge <annabelle@abigailsparberger.com> wrote:

Hi there,

Please see attached for the Rental Agreement. Thanks so much!

Best,
Annabelle

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Good afternoon Ms. Trowbridge,

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Thank you,

Katrina Downey
(757) 393-8607

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Thanks Dr. Jerry, and hello Ms. Katrina!

Is there paperwork I can fill out ahead of August 8?

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1 message

Teesha Sanders <teesha.sanders@portsk12.com>

Tue, Aug 5, 2025 at 8:05 AM

To: Deildra Batten <deildra.batten@portsk12.com>

FYI.....please share with security as well. Thanks.

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Date: Tue, Jul 22, 2025 at 4:25 PM

Subject: Re: Senator L Louise Lucas-Visit to IC Norcom High School-Friday, August 8, 2025

To: Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com>

CC: Ronald Hill <ronald.hill@portsk12.com>, Elie Bracy <elie.bracy@portsk12.com>, Teesha Sanders <teesha.sanders@portsk12.com>, Michael Hines <michael.hines@portsk12.com>, Clarence Brown <clarence.brown@portsk12.com>

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Fwd: ML Schedules Application for New Account

1 message

Katrina Downey <katrina.downey@portsk12.com>

Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 12:35 PM

To: rebecca@abigailspanberger.com

Good afternoon Ms. Eichmann,

I am in receipt of your request for a new account in ML Schedules aka MasterLibrary. We are not allowed to rent to individuals. If you represent an authentic organization, you may resubmit your request using the name of the organization. If you have any questions, please contact me. Have a great afternoon!

Thank you,

Katrina

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **ML Schedules Software** <DoNotReply@masterlibrary.com>

Date: Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 11:57 AM

Subject: ML Schedules Application for New Account

To: <katrina.downey@pps.k12.va.us>

Rebecca Eichmann has submitted a request for Rebecca Eichmann to be assigned to the following Classification: CLASS 2.

Approve

Decline

Primary Manager: Rebecca Eichmann

Email: rebecca@abigailspanberger.com

Group Phone: 5407710984

Group Address 3215 Stuart Ave Unit 20

Application Reason:

Thank you for your timely response.

This is a system-generated email. Please do not reply to this email.

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1 message

Susan Patterson <susan.patterson@portsk12.com>

Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 12:56 PM

To: sophia@abigailspanberger.com

Cc: Elie Bracy <elie.bracy@portsk12.com>, Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com>, Katrina Downey <katrina.downey@portsk12.com>

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Invitation: [8.8] I.C. Norcom <> ASFG @ Thu Jul 31, 2025 2:30pm - 3pm (EDT)
(katrina.downey@portsk12.com)

1 message

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Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 3:59 PM

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When

Thursday Jul 31, 2025 · 2:30pm – 3pm (Eastern Time - New York)

Guests

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Agreement must be completed & submitted to the Operations Department fifteen (15) days prior to event or it will not be processed.

SECTION A - (to be completed by organization representative)

NAME OF ORGANIZATION _____
 NAME OF FACILITY TO BE RENTED _____ PURPOSE _____
 AREA(S) _____
 DATE(S) _____ HOURS _____ am pm TO DATE(S) _____ HOURS _____ am pm
 ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE _____ WILL THERE BE A CHARGE FOR ADMISSION? NO YES (if yes, see = 7 below)
 WILL FOOD SERVICE CATERING SERVICE BE USED? NO YES
 HAS AVAILABILITY OF FACILITY BEEN VERIFIED? NO YES DATE VERIFIED _____ PRINT NAME _____

APPLICATION/ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT: "We certify that the building will be used for the purpose stated above with the understanding that the person whose signature appears below is an authorized representative of the organization. We have received a copy of the Portsmouth Public Schools Procedure for Rental of School Facilities, File KG-P. By signing in Section B the representative agrees to all fees, rules, and obligates the organization to the rental of the facility".

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Flat Rates	Quantity	Rate	Cost	Staff	Quantity	Hours	Hourly	Cost	Utility Fee	# of Hours	Hourly Rate	Cost
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Cafeteria				Security Officers								
Gym				Other:								
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Grand Total _____ \$0.00
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 * *FULL PAYMENT DUE ON _____ FAILURE TO PROVIDE PAYMENT BY DUE DATE WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF EVENT AND LOSS OF 10% GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT.

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**PORTSMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AGREEMENT FOR RENTAL OF SCHOOL FACILITY**

Agreement must be completed & submitted to the Operations Department fifteen (15) days prior to event or it will not be processed.


SECTION A - (to be completed by organization representative)

NAME OF ORGANIZATION Spanberger for Governor
 NAME OF FACILITY TO BE RENTED Library, 217 Classroom PURPOSE _____
 AREA(S) _____
 DATE(S) 8.8.2025 HOURS 9:30 am pm TO DATE(S) 8.8.2025 HOURS 3:00 am pm
 ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE 60 audience members WILL THERE BE A CHARGE FOR ADMISSION? NO YES (if yes, see = 7 below)
 WILL FOOD SERVICE CATERING SERVICE BE USED? NO YES
 HAS AVAILABILITY OF FACILITY BEEN VERIFIED? NO YES DATE VERIFIED 7.31.2025 PRINT NAME Annabelle Trowbridge

APPLICATION/ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT: "We certify that the building will be used for the purpose stated above with the understanding that the person whose signature appears below is an authorized representative of the organization. We have received a copy of the Portsmouth Public Schools Procedure for Rental of School Facilities, File KG-P. By signing in Section B the representative agrees to all fees, rules, and obligates the organization to the rental of the facility".

- 1) Agreeing to indemnify and hold harmless the Portsmouth School Board and all of its officers, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, suits, causes of action or judgments and person had, now has, or may have in the future relating to or arising out of the event which is subject to this agreement
- 2) Payment of non-refundable 10% Good Faith deposit is due at time of signing this agreement. Payment of remaining estimated rental fees are due five (5) days in advance of the event. If payment of remaining estimated fee is not received five (5) days prior to the event, the use agreement will be cancelled and said organization will not be allowed to use requested facility. If payment is made less than five (5) days prior to the event, the use agreement will be subject to re-approval by Principal and Operations Department
- 3) Conduct of participants and employment of police/security protection when required and/or as specified by the Department of Operations
- 4) Payment for necessary personnel at a rate determined by the School Board
- 5) The requesting organization must provide proof of financial ability to pay for all charges, including but not limited to, any damages to school property or injuries to any person arising from the said organization's use of the property; proof of insurance naming Portsmouth Public Schools as an additional insured if requested. Organization is responsible for all fees incurred for use of facility beyond the scope of the agreement
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- 8) All audio visual, sound and electronic equipment is to be provided by organization. Organization will not be allowed to use facility audio visual, sound or electronic equipment.
- 9) Ensuring that alcoholic beverages, tobacco products and firearms are not permitted at functions on School Board Property
- 10) Providing a 48-hour notice of cancellation; failure to do so shall obligate said organization to pay one (1) hour of custodial labor and associated utility fees.

I, Annabelle Trowbridge, have read and agree to all of the above terms.

Authorized Representative's Signature  Date: 7/31/2025
 Address 4200 Innslake Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060 Telephone 518-795-7914

SECTION B - FACILITY USE COSTS (OPERATIONS DESIGNEE WILL COMPUTE ALL COSTS)

Flat Rates	Quantity	Rate	Cost	Staff	Quantity	Hours	Hourly	Cost	Utility Fee	# of Hours	Hourly Rate	Cost
Start-Up Fee				Custodial			\$31.00	\$0.00				
Auditorium				Food SVC Worker					Utility Fee Extended (4 p.m. & later)	# of Hours	Hourly Rate	Cost
Cafeteria				Security Officers								
Gym				Other:								
Classroom							Total Due:	\$0.00				Total Due:
Library/Other												
Other:												
Other:												
Other:												
			Total Due:									

Grand Total \$0.00
 10% Deposit - \$0.00
 Amount Due \$0.00

10% GOOD FAITH DEPOSITS _____ PAID ON _____ RECEIVED BY _____
 * * FULL PAYMENT DUE ON _____ FAILURE TO PROVIDE PAYMENT BY DUE DATE WILL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF EVENT AND LOSS OF 10% GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT.

ESTIMATED FEE IS ACCEPTED AND THE ORGANIZATION WILL USE THE FACILITY:
 Organization Representative _____ Date _____
 Principal _____ Date _____

FINAL APPROVAL
 Director of Operations or Designee _____ Date _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Re: Introduction to Dr. Jerry Simmons – Coordination for Upcoming Event at I.C. Norcom

1 message

Katrina Downey <katrina.downey@portsk12.com>

Mon, Aug 4, 2025 at 6:19 AM

To: Annabelle Trowbridge <annabelle@abigailspanberger.com>

Cc: Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com>, Sophia Shapiro <sophia@abigailspanberger.com>

Good morning,

I am in receipt of your email. I forwarded the building request to the Principal, and I will let you know when I receive her response. Have a great day!

Thank you,

Katrina

On Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 4:26 PM Annabelle Trowbridge <annabelle@abigailspanberger.com> wrote:

Hi there,

Please see attached for the Rental Agreement. Thanks so much!

Best,
Annabelle

On Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 3:33 PM Katrina Downey <katrina.downey@portsk12.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Trowbridge,

Please complete Section A of the attached Rental Agreement and return it to me at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Have a great evening!

Thank you,

Katrina Downey
(757) 393-8607

On Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 3:19 PM Annabelle Trowbridge <annabelle@abigailspanberger.com> wrote:

Thanks Dr. Jerry, and hello Ms. Katrina!

Is there paperwork I can fill out ahead of August 8?

Best,
Annabelle

On Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 3:14 PM Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon:

Please contact Ms. Katrina Downey at katrina.downey@portsk12.com to inquire about filling out the paperwork for the use of IC Norcom, Friday, August 8, 2025. Thanks so much.

All the best,

Dr. Jerry L. Simmons
Chief Operations Officer

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(E) jerry.simmons@portsk12.com

On Thu, Jul 31, 2025 at 2:52 PM Annabelle Trowbridge <annabelle@abigailspanberger.com> wrote:
Hi Dr. Jerry,

Thank you for the call! Please share this RSVP invite link with any teachers who are interested: <https://www.mobilize.us/spanbergerforgovernor/event/817900/>

Additionally, please feel free to send me any paperwork that I can help fill out. Thank you again, looking forward to next Friday!

Best,
Annabelle

On Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 3:59 PM Annabelle Trowbridge <annabelle@abigailspanberger.com> wrote:
Hi Dr. Jerry,

I just sent a calendar invite for tomorrow, Thursday, at 2:30 PM for a quick call. Please feel free to add folks on your end.

Best,
Annabelle

On Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 2:16 PM Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com> wrote:
Good Afternoon Sophia:

I hope all is well. If we can jump on a quick call, Thursday of this week, or Monday, August 4, 2025. I would like for Mr. Ron Hill, the coordinator of our building services department to hear what is needed and the logistics for the Friday, August 8, 2025 visit. Thanks so much.

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Conflict at I. C. Norcom High School

1 message

Katrina Downey <katrina.downey@portsk12.com>
To: Jerry Simmons <jerry.simmons@portsk12.com>
Cc: Ronald Hill <ronald.hill@portsk12.com>

Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 3:42 PM

Good afternoon Dr. Simmons,

Please find attached the building request from HR to use Room 217 at I. C. Norcom on Friday, August 8, 2025. They are scheduled to use Room 217 tomorrow and Friday for Title IX Training. Louise Lucas' group has also requested to use Room 217 on Friday. I told Ms. Batten that Dr. Bracy has approved the group using the building, and HR will probably be bumped out. I think Ms. Jackson needs to be notified by you. :-)

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Lauren Nolasco <lauren.nolasco@portsk12.com>

Fwd: Introduction to Dr. Jerry Simmons – Coordination for Upcoming Event at I.C. Norcom

1 message

Elie Bracy, III <elie.bracy@portsk12.com>
To: Lauren Nolasco <lauren.nolasco@portsk12.com>

Fri, Oct 24, 2025 at 3:09 PM

FYI

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Date: Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 5:29 PM
Subject: Introduction to Dr. Jerry Simmons – Coordination for Upcoming Event at I.C. Norcom
To: Susan Patterson <susan.patterson@portsk12.com>

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Attachment 5

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Recognizing this fact, the Portsmouth City School Board encourages the use of public-school facilities. The following rental procedures have been adopted by the School Board and delegated to the superintendent (or designee) to regulate the use of school division property. Reference to a "local citizen group or local community organization", for purposes of this policy only, shall mean, by way of example only and not intended to be a limitation, school-sponsored student organizations, PTA-related activities, school employee groups, neighborhood civic organizations, neighborhood little leagues, United Way (and similar) organizations, class reunion activities, and any departments of the City, State, or Federal governments that, (i) in the case of an company, and entity's principle office address is within the City of Portsmouth and (ii) in the case of an unincorporated club or other organization, one that is located in the City of Portsmouth and whose primary purpose is to benefit Portsmouth Public Schools or its student body.

I. Application and Approval

The school division uses an online system to manage school and building rental requests. Requests submitted by paper or phone will not be considered. The online system is linked under the "Community" tab on the Portsmouth Public Schools website:

https://www.ppsk12.us/community/school_and_building_rentals

Permission for the use of facilities may be granted, in the sole discretion of the Superintendent or designee, to local citizen groups or local community organizations whose activities relate to education, politics, culture, religion, or recreation and benefit, in the sole discretion of the Superintendent or designee, the City of Portsmouth community. Requests for use of a facility must be made at least 16 working days prior to the date of the event or the request will not be processed. Users of school facilities must have security provided by uniformed officers from the Portsmouth Police Department or the Portsmouth Sheriff's Department; it is the responsibility of the user of the facility to obtain and provide proof to the School Division that security is in place as provided below.

Requests must be submitted by reputable and established local citizen groups or local community organizations; each of which, as a condition of using the school facility shall execute a contract which requires, among other things, that the user will be held responsible for the payment of charges, compensation for damages to property, and shall use the property in conformity with regulations on the application. In no case shall school property be leased to individuals. Requests must be submitted by an authorized representative of the local citizen group or local community organization. The submitted and approved request shall be a binding agreement between the applicant and the School Board.

Once a request is submitted, it flows through four levels of approval: (1) the building principal at the school being requested; (2) the Coordinator of Building Services; (3) the Master Library District Administrator; and (4) the Superintendent or designee.

II. Fees, Payment Procedures

The Superintendent (or designee) shall establish a minimum schedule of fees and may make additional adjustments to the fees as deemed necessary or desirable in the sole discretion of the

Superintendent. The minimum schedule and additional adjustments shall be based on the facility being used, the size of the group, the length of time for which the facility will be used, the number in attendance, and special equipment needs.

All estimated fees must be paid in full at least five (5) working days in advance of the event or the event will be canceled. The local citizen group or local community organization whose name appears on the application shall be held responsible for any damages to school property and equipment stemming from their use. For prolonged contractual agreements, payments may be paid monthly in advance. Failure to comply with this procedure shall be justification for withholding permission for subsequent use of a school facility.

In general, the following fees, but without limitation to other fees that arise, will apply:

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(2) Personnel fees shall be charged to all paying classifications as follows:

Custodial services are needed to clean an area after use, assist in the school kitchen (cafeteria personnel must be paid if kitchen facilities are used), assist with lighting and audio equipment, unlock and lock doors, set up tables and chairs, and other services. The number of custodians will be determined by the Facility Zone Supervisors in Building Services. Electronic technicians may be required for certain events, which will result in additional fees. **Custodial/staff fees may not be waived.**

Rental of facilities by large groups of organizations, which require the services of more than one custodian will result in additional personnel fees. Custodial services requested on holidays will require an additional overtime compensation fee.

(3) Local citizen groups or local community organizations (that have been granted 501 (c) (3) status by the Internal Revenue Service) will not be charged a rental fee for using facilities under #1 above. These organizations will be responsible for payment of fees for custodial and/or cafeteria services and other extra personnel and security. Groups requesting the use of facilities for profit activities (fundraiser, etc.) will be required to pay all associated fees (e.g. facility use fee, custodial fee, cafeteria fee, fee for extra personnel) unless the activity is conducted by a school employee group and it will benefit school-age children enrolled in Portsmouth Public Schools. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any local citizen group or local community organization that charges a fee for the event is not eligible for a fee waiver.

All requests for a waiver fee must be submitted at the time the application to use the facility is made. All such requests for fee waivers must be in writing, using the Request for Waiver which is attached and made a part of this policy and can be obtained From the Department of School Facilities. Within ten working days of receiving the request for waiver, the Superintendent (or designee) will respond to the applicant, either approving or denying the request, using the Fee Waiver Request Form.

- (4) In accordance with Portsmouth City Code Chapter 35, Article IX, if an admission charge is required for an event in Portsmouth, an Admission Tax (equal to 10% of the admission charge) is levied. Any person or group using a Portsmouth Public School facility for an event charging admission are subject to this tax, and by submitting an application, the person or group agrees to pay such tax and to contact the Portsmouth Commissioner of Revenue, 393-8779, to obtain the required forms and arrange for payment of the tax.
- (5) Church services by established religious groups may be scheduled in school facilities on a temporary basis for specifically planned events, emergency conditions or for organizational efforts of a group to build or expand a church facility. This accommodation is extended to religious organizations located within the city limits of the City of Portsmouth.

Church groups must renew their application for use of facilities every six (6) months, if the rental is long-term. Authorization for renewal will be based upon the progress of the building, and the expansion or revitalization of the church's existing facility.

NOTE: FEES FOR CUSTODIAL OR CAFETERIA SERVICES OR EXTRA PERSONNEL CANNOT BE WAIVED.

III. Cancellations

The public schools program has first priority in the use of facilities. In the event a conflict should arise, the building principal reserves the right to cancel an organization's reservation up to five (5) days in advance of the scheduled date of the activity for good cause. Use of School agreements will automatically be cancelled when schools close due to inclement weather or emergency conditions and all fees will be refunded.

Organizations must provide a 48-hour cancellation notice in order to avoid a penalty fee. Failure to do so shall obligate the organization to pay a \$30.00 fee that covers a portion of time spent by the custodian to open the building and/or prepare for the event. The balance of fees paid will be refunded.

IV. Food Services

The use of the cafeteria dining rooms may be granted with or without the use of kitchen facilities. Organizations will have access to the kitchen provided the cafeteria manager or designee is present. When planning an event that uses cafeteria equipment, the cafeteria manager and area food service supervisor must be involved in the planning, operation, and supervision of the project.

Groups may request the school system's food service department to cater activities.

V. Protection of School Property

For use of indoor facilities, an employee of Portsmouth Public Schools shall be on duty at the school property at times when the school facilities are in use. No equipment or furnishings may be used or moved without the consent of the employee in charge if such usage is not in conformity with the contracted agreement.

Local citizen groups or local community organizations will be required to provide proof of insurance (in the form of a Certificate of Insurance) naming Portsmouth Public Schools as an additional insured with general Commercial Liability limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.

Permitted community members must arrange necessary security for events, which are open to the general public, through either the Portsmouth Police Department or Portsmouth Sheriff's Office. Proof of service must be verified in writing (email acceptable) by the Portsmouth Police Department or the Sheriff's Office. **The security requirement will not be waived.**

The sale or consumption of food and/or beverages will be limited to the cafeteria area only. Use of alcoholic beverages shall be prohibited in all schools at all times. Tobacco use on school property is also prohibited.

Any signage posted for the event must be removed immediately following the end of the event.

The submitting organization is responsible for ensuring that all City ordinances for the use of public facilities are not violated (i.e., parking, fire codes, safety, occupancy, signage, etc.).

Approved: August 4, 1998
Revised: October 16, 2000
Revised: September 28, 2006
Revised: April 10, 2014
Revised: September 6, 2018
Revised: February 2020
Revised: June 6, 2024