

NEWSLETTER



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**Mid-Year Conference:
IAQ and New Virginia Requirements**

REGISTRATION OPEN VSPMA 2026 Annual Conference & Trade Show

**October 11-14
The Inn at Virginia Tech**



Schools of Tomorrow- Under Construction Today

**Bensley
Elementary
School**
Chesterfield
County Public
Schools



**Deep Creek
Elementary
School**
Chesterfield
County Public
Schools



**Huntington
Middle School**
Newport News
Public Schools



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



August 2026

As President of the Virginia School Plant Management Association, it is my privilege to invite you to our Annual Conference—a gathering dedicated to the dedicated professionals who champion excellence in educational facilities.

Building Better Environments Together

Across the Commonwealth, our members are essential to creating safe, efficient, and inspiring spaces where students succeed. Your daily leadership and expertise ensure that Virginia's schools do more than just function—they actively support the highest standards of learning and achievement.

The VSPMA proudly serves as a resource, network, and advocate for those who work tirelessly behind the scenes. Together, we elevate our profession by sharing knowledge and driving industry best practices.

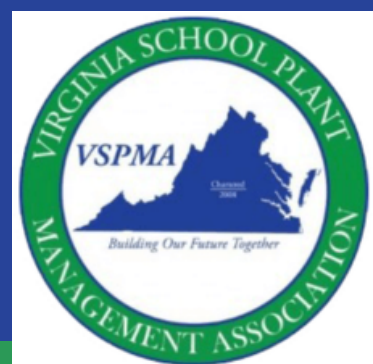
Looking Ahead

Whether this is your first conference or your twentieth, we would be thrilled to have you with us. During the conference, we invite you to connect with peers, explore our latest exhibits, and help shape the future of school facilities in Virginia.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and the profound impact you make every single day. We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference!

Sincerely,

Stacey L. Timmons, Ed.D.
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Helping school districts navigate IAQ legislation in Virginia

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Photo Credit: Center for Green Schools

The Center for Green Schools and Virginia School Plant Management Association hosted a conference on healthier indoor air.

On June 8, the Center for Green Schools and the Virginia School Plant Management Association (VSPMA) presented a daylong conference in Hampton, Va., on improving indoor air quality (IAQ) in schools. VSPMA and the Center for Green Schools partnered on this event to help VSPMA's membership navigate recently passed Virginia school IAQ legislation and to build off the center's resources to help manage IAQ.

The conference was targeted specifically at Virginia-based K-12 facilities directors, coordinators, environmental specialists and school plant managers. With one or more staff members from 43 school districts in attendance, a full one-third of Virginia's school districts were represented. In addition, the conference drew 13 vendors and industry partners.



The event aimed to empower attendees to successfully advocate for IAQ management planning and to secure vital organization buy-in. Participants gained a comprehensive understanding of Virginia's specific IAQ laws and regulations for school systems. They also learned to identify and prioritize proactive management policies that balance air quality with minimized energy use.

Finally, the gathering provided a valuable space for peer-to-peer learning and deepened participants' knowledge of the return on investment tied to advancing IAQ and energy management initiatives.

Navigating legislation

The conference's focus on IAQ was especially timely due to Virginia's recent school IAQ legislation, which "establishes several enumerated requirements for school boards to ensure indoor air quality in each public school building in the local school division." These requirements created added motivation for school district staff members to increase their understanding of best practices, available resources and potential funding related to school IAQ.

The comprehensive, full-day program featured a robust lineup of panel discussions, including case studies from both Caroline County Public Schools and Prince William County Public Schools. Attendees explored tools and resources designed to create healthy, energy-efficient learning environments, with a specialized session focusing on HVAC systems, metering and collaborating with consultants to meet state mandates.

A central highlight of the program focused on the state's regulatory landscape. A.K. (Vijay) Ramnarain, director of the Office of Support Services at the Virginia Department of Education, delivered an overview of the recently adopted Virginia IAQ legislation and fielded questions during a live Q&A session.

Building on this regulatory framework, the closing panel brought together members of the Hampton Roads ASHRAE Chapter to share their technical insights and expertise. Dr. Emily Yen, a legislative consultant and lobbyist, provided the foundational background on the formation and goals of the legislation. Dennis Knight, the 2024-2025 ASHRAE presidential member, then outlined critical ASHRAE guidelines and resources. Finally, Phil Montuori of the National Energy Management Institute offered additional industry context and introduced a practical evaluation tool for attendees to use in their own school districts.



Driving district success: Virginia case studies in IAQ and energy efficiency

The benefits of meeting Virginia's state regulations extend far beyond mere legal compliance, offering profound advantages for school districts that take action. Case studies from Prince William County Public Schools and Caroline County Public Schools demonstrate how proactively addressing IAQ and energy efficiency transforms school facilities. This forward-thinking approach actively reduces operational costs, minimizes safety risks, increases student attendance and improves academic outcomes. Central to this success is a "fundamental shift from a reactive mindset to a data-driven facilities response." By tracking air quality, ventilation performance and thermal comfort across an entire property portfolio, district leaders can abandon a "building-by-building patchwork approach" and adopt a unified evidence-based strategy that builds community trust through absolute transparency.

Recognizing that school divisions do not have to navigate these complex changes alone, districts are leveraging existing facility data, capital improvement projects, and energy-performance initiatives alongside key industry partners such as Attune, CMTA and McClure Company. These collaborations allow districts to streamline compliance, improve building performance, and make more informed, long-term facility investments. As industry experts note, "The new IAQ requirements are about more than compliance—they create an opportunity for school divisions to better understand their facilities, prioritize investments, and develop a proactive strategy for indoor environmental quality that benefits students, staff, and the community."

Local support for healthy and energy-efficient schools

The Center for Green Schools regional Manager, Medea Villeré, walked attendees through a variety of resources available to assist their school districts in making meaningful progress on their IAQ and energy efficiency goals. This included exploring the free K-12 School Energy Efficient Indoor Air Quality Management Plan Toolkit, which includes downloadable templates, district case studies and guidance across 20 different IAQ components. It addresses everything from initial building assessments to ventilation, filtration, chemical management, and even staff training and communication.

Participants at the conference also used Center for Green Schools worksheets designed to help them inventory and prioritize their districts' goals and next steps. This included identifying their top three IAQ priorities and which colleagues they should include on their IAQ team.



Key takeaways

While the Virginia IAQ legislation is relatively new, school districts don't have to go it alone. This will be an ongoing conversation, and both VSPMA and the Center for Green Schools can help support school districts on their IAQ journeys and can provide additional opportunities to learn from peers. Regardless of legislation, having a written energy-efficient IAQ management plan can help school districts provide healthier learning environments while also reducing operational costs.



Left to right: Richard Johnson and Medea Villeré of the Center for Green Schools, and Dr. John Bailey of the Virginia School Plant Management Association. Photo courtesy of the Center for Green Schools.

Additional resources

School district staff that would like to know more about IAQ professional development opportunities available through the Center for Green Schools can fill out a [short interest form](#). District staff in Virginia can also [directly reach out to us](#) for more information.

For more about VSPMA, [check out the association's website](#). The [2026 VSPMA Conference and Trade Show](#) is coming up on Oct. 11-14 at The Inn at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Bensley Elementary School

6600 Strathmore Road



Chesterfield County Public Schools

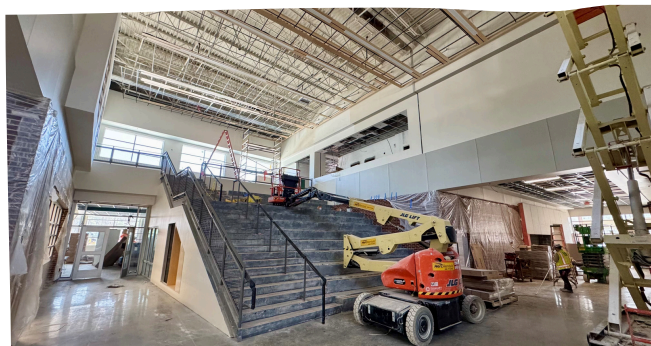
Chesterfield County Public Schools is currently constructing a modern replacement for Bensley Elementary School. The original building, which opened in 1954, has been demolished to make way for a new 111,500-square-foot, two-story facility on the same 11.51-acre site.

Scheduled to open in fall 2026, the replacement school will serve as a modern learning environment for up to 1,000 students in the local community.



Deep Creek Elementary School

17301 John Thomas Way



Chesterfield County Public Schools is currently constructing the new Deep Creek Elementary School to support continued growth in the western portion of the county. The project consists of a new, state-of-the-art elementary school designed to serve the expanding community with modern

educational spaces and enhanced site amenities.

Scheduled to open in fall 2026, the approximately 111,500-square-foot facility will provide a dynamic learning environment for up to 1,000 students, incorporating flexible classrooms, collaborative spaces, and outdoor learning areas to support evolving instructional needs.

Chesterfield County Public Schools

Huntington Middle School

*Newport News
Public Schools*

Newport News Public Schools is currently constructing a new facility, Huntington Middle School, which is approximately 55% complete. The new three-story school building will encompass 122,900 square feet and is situated on a 17.1-acre site.

With current change orders included, the project cost is approximately \$72.5 million. The facility is designed to accommodate up to 600 students and is anticipated to open during the 26-27 school year.



*Information provided by Stephen Smith, Facilities Project Manager,
Newport News Public Schools- March 2026*



2026 VIRGINIA SCHOOL PLANT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW

Registration Opens: April 20, 2026

Business Partner Registration Closes: September 20, 2026

Attendee Registration Closes: September 25, 2026

Attendee Options

Registration type reserved for employees of school districts and VSPMA Board guests.

	Regular 4/20/26 to 9/25/26
Full Registration	\$175
Monday Day Tripper	Free!
Tuesday Day Tripper	\$50

Business Partner Options

Sponsorship Package details available on the VSPMA website. Below options include a booth at the trade show.

	Early Bird 4/20/26 to 7/31/26	Regular 8/1/26 to 9/19/26
Diamond Sponsorship	\$5,500	\$6,000
Platinum Sponsorship	\$3,250	\$3,750
Gold Sponsorship	\$2,250	\$2,750
Silver Sponsorship	\$1,750	\$2,250
Single Booth	\$1200	\$1,500
Casino Night Sponsor (Mon.)	\$3,000	\$3,500
After Banquet Social (Tues.)	\$3,000	\$3,500

Business Partner Stand Alone OR Add-on Options

	Regular 4/20/26 to 9/19/26
Sunday Social Event Sponsor	\$500
Conference Lanyards	\$1,00
Conference Bags	\$500
VSPMA Scholarship Donation	\$500

Each sponsorship level includes a certain number of badges for admittance to the trade show. Individuals above this allotment may be added to a package.

	Early Bird 4/20/26 to 7/31/26	Regular 8/1/26 to 9/19/26
Additional Business Partner	\$115	\$155



October 11th to the 14th
2026

The Inn at Virginia Tech
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2026 VSPMA Annual Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

The Inn at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

October 11th – 14th, 2026



- **Casino Night (Monday Evening) - \$3,000 early bird, \$3,500 regular (Limit 2)**
 - Full Page Color Advertisement in the Conference Program
 - Marketing Link to Your Company from the VSPMA Website
 - Booth at Tradeshow (10-feet wide)
 - (2) Tradeshow Name Badges
 - (5) Monday Evening Casino Tickets
 - Special Recognition – (Sign posted at event for sponsorship)
- **VSPMA Sunday Social Event Sponsor - \$500 – (limited to eight)**
 - 1/8 Page Color Advertisement in the Conference Program
 - Marketing Link to Your Company from the VSPMA Website
 - Special Recognition During the Program- (Sign posted at the event for sponsorship)
- **VSPMA After Banquet Social (Tuesday Evening) - \$3,000 early bird, \$3,500 regular (Limit 2)**
 - ¼ Page Color Logo in the Conference Program
 - Marketing Link to Your Company from the VSPMA Website
 - Booth at Tradeshow (10-feet wide)
 - (2) Tradeshow Name Badges



- Special Recognition During the Program and Opportunity to Introduce Company During Social Event and Will Have Brand Recognition for the “Live Band” for This Event
- Sign Posted at Event for Sponsorship

- **Diamond - \$5,500 early bird, \$6,000 regular (limited opportunity to first 8 partners)**
 - Full Page Color Advertisement in the Conference Program
 - \$500 allocated to Scholarship Fund
 - Marketing Link to Your Company from the VSPMA Website
 - Up to (3) Booths in a Premium Tradeshow Location (Up to 30-feet wide)
 - (5) Tradeshow Name Badges
 - (5) Monday Evening Casino Night Tickets
 - (1) Roundtable/Quick Meets to Discuss Your Company’s Newest Products or Services Tuesday Afternoon
 - Unique Sponsorship Recognition Throughout Conference
 - Invitation to Sunday Evening Social (Cornhole, Sunday Night Football, etc.)
 - Electronic List of Attendees

- **Platinum - \$3,250 early bird, \$3,750 regular**
 - Full Page Color Advertisement in the Conference Program
 - \$250 Allocated to Scholarship Fund
 - Marketing Link to Your Company from the VSPMA Website
 - Up to (2) Booths in a Premium Tradeshow Location (Up to 20-feet wide)
 - (3) Tradeshow Name Badges
 - (3) Monday Evening Casino Night Tickets
 - Unique Sponsorship Recognition Throughout Conference
 - Invitation to Sunday Evening Social (Cornhole, Sunday Night Football, etc.)
 - Electronic List of Attendees

- **Gold - \$2,250 early bird, \$2,750 regular**
 - Half Page Color Advertisement in the Conference Program
 - \$250 Allocated to the Scholarship Fund
 - Marketing Link to Your Company from the VSPMA Website
 - Up to 2 Booths in a Premium Tradeshow Location (Up to 20-feet wide)
 - (2) Tradeshow Name Badges
 - Unique Sponsorship Recognition Throughout Conference
 - Invitation to Sunday Evening Social (Cornhole, Sunday Night Football, etc.)
 - Electronic List of Attendees

- **Silver - \$1,750 early bird, \$2,250 regular**
 - Marketing Link to Your Company from the VSPMA Website
 - \$250 Allocated to the Scholarship Fund
 - Up to (1) Booth or Walk the floor in the Tradeshow Location (10-feet wide)
 - (1) Tradeshow Name Badges
 - Unique Sponsorship Recognition Throughout Conference
 - Invitation to Sunday Evening Social (Cornhole, Sunday Night Football, etc.)
 - Electronic List of Attendees

- **Exhibitor - \$1,200 early bird, \$1,500 regular**
 - Up to (1) Standard-Wide Booth or Walk the Tradeshow Location (10-feet wide)
 - (1) Tradeshow Name Badges
 - Electronic List of Attendees

- **VSPMA Conference Badge Holder - \$1,000**
 - Your Company's Brand Alongside VSPMA on Badge Holders for all Conference Attendees

- **VSPMA Conference Bags - \$500**
 - Your Company's Brand Alongside VSPMA on Conference Bags for all Conference Attendees

- **VSPMA Scholarship Donation - \$500**
 - Scholarship Donation to the VSPMA Scholarship Program for Students and Company Recognition During the Awards Presentation

- **Refreshment Sponsor- \$500 (only 2 vendors for this opportunity)**
 - Sponsorship would include soft drinks/ coffee and refreshments at the tradeshow for one sponsor and at the breakout sessions for the other sponsor. A sign will be posted for the sponsorship in the name of the company at each area.