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Law creates framework for meal programs



Appomattox Regional Governor's School opened in 1999 in the former Petersburg High School on West Washington Street. BILL ATKINSON/PROGRESS-INDEX.COM

Virginia governor schools to follow traditional public education

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Gov. Abigail Spanberger cleared the way for Virginia academic-year governor's schools to offer meal programs for their students just as traditional public schools do.

On April 7, the governor signed House Bill 832 directing the Virginia Department of Education to work with the state's 19 regional governor's schools on

developing a framework for how to feed those students. Such programs have never been banned in them, but governor's schools have students from multiple public school systems within their regions, each with their own participation requirements.

Only two of the 19 schools - Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology in Alexandria, and Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government & International Studies in Richmond - currently offer breakfasts and

lunches for their students.

The bill does not mandate that meals programs be offered, nor does it provide state funding for them. It only sets in motion the process for governor's school boards to determine if it is feasible to operate one.

According to the bill, VDOE's Office of School and Community Nutrition Programs would advise the governor's school boards to identify costs

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U.S. passports may be renewed online

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Traveling abroad on vacation or business soon? Did you know, with certain requirements being met, U.S. passports may be renewed online?

In September 2024, the U.S. Department of State launched the online passport renewal system through a secure process for Americans to save the public time and effort. Printing and mailing a paper application with a check, may be avoided.

Opr.travel.state.gov is the only official,

authorized place to renew U.S. passports online. The website provides steps on how to do it, requirements needed, passport fees, support information and more.

At this time, geopolitical tensions,

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More details released on fatal shooting

Police: Man killed pointed a rifle at officers

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Chesterfield County Police say the man killed in an April 7 officer-involved shooting in the southern end of the county pointed a rifle at uniformed officers approaching his residence following reports of an armed disturbance involving the man and one of his neighbors.

In an April 8 statement, a police spokesperson identified the man as 32-year-old Tamondrick Burroughs Jr. of the 4000 block of Frye Terrace. Officers had been called to the neighborhood after one of Burroughs' neighbors claimed he had been on their property brandishing the weapon.

By the time police arrived, Burroughs reportedly had returned to his residence.

"Upon arrival, uniformed officers went to the suspect's residence and began checking the area for him," department spokesperson Elizabeth Caroon said in the statement. "Officers identified themselves and saw the man, armed with a rifle, in the doorway of his residence. Additional investigation confirmed the suspect brandished the rifle at the officers, pointing the firearm in their direction."

One of the approaching officers fired at Burroughs, who then went back inside his residence. There was no mention of him actually firing the rifle.

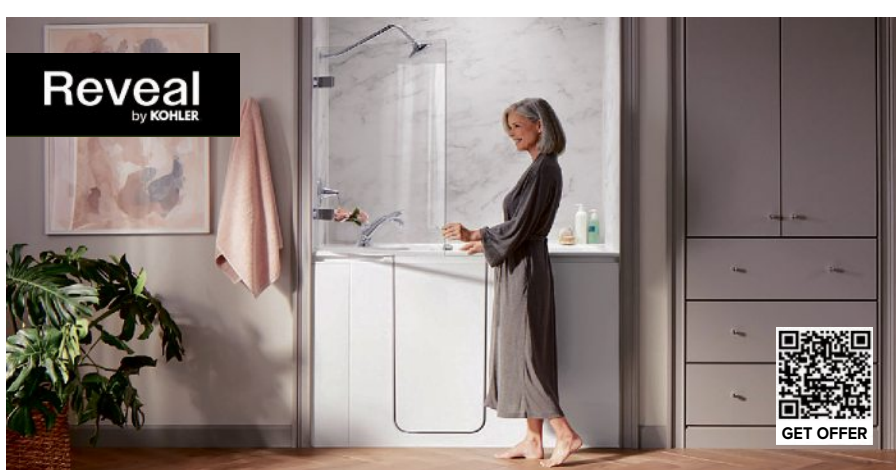
After forming a perimeter around the residence, a drone was flown toward the house where it showed Burroughs lying on the floor unresponsive. When officers entered the residence, they found him dead.

No one else was injured.

The identity of the police officer who fired the shot has not been released. Caroon told The Progress-Index that the department will conduct its own investigation into the shooting rather than turn it over to the Virginia State Police as neighboring jurisdictions have traditionally done when one of their officers is involved.

That officer has been placed on administrative leave while the investigation continues.

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