



AMERICA'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

The Journey That Changed the World

Sandra Day O'Connor, Honorary Chair

October 18, 2006

Dr. Gary S. Mathews, Superintendent
Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools
P.O. Box 8783
Williamsburg, VA 23187-8783

Re: Support for Jamestown 2007 Commemoration

Dear Dr. Mathews:

As you know, the Historic Triangle will be host to the events commemorating the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown on May 11-13 of next year. Over 90,000 visitors from the United States and abroad are expected to visit our region to participate in the signature events and enjoy the festivities planned for Anniversary Weekend. At the core of the transportation system that will transport our visitors safely and efficiently to these events, is a shuttle bus system that will operate between park and ride lots, hotels and Jamestown Island. The Commonwealth of Virginia and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission have committed funds for this system. Richard Drumwright, who is the Transportation Coordinator for Jamestown 2007, and your transportation operations staff, have initiated discussions about the potential use of school buses as a cost-effective option for the Jamestown 2007 shuttle bus system.

The shuttle bus system will bring visitors from remote park and ride locations to the commemoration events sites in Jamestown (Jamestown Settlement, Jamestown Island, and the old campground that we are calling "Anniversary Park"), and also move visitors between the venue sites. Due to limited parking near the event sites, and capacity limitations of the roads leading to the sites, this shuttle bus system is an integral and necessary component of the Commemoration.

The details of our request are as follows:

- **Dates:** The buses would be needed all day, Friday, May 11, Saturday May, 12 and Sunday May 13, 2007. We understand that number of buses that could be made available for Friday's events may be limited with school in session. Consequently, we are asking that you consider closing schools that day in recognition of this once-in-a-lifetime commemoration.
- **Number of buses:** We would wish to lease approximately 130 school buses from the Williamsburg/James City County school system. We may also wish to lease a small number of disabled-accessible vans.

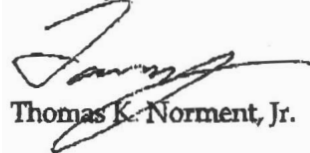
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Cost: Preliminary conversations with your staff have indicated that school buses could be leased for the weekend at approximately \$50 per hour, including maintenance, fuel, drivers, and wrecker support.

I look forward to a reply regarding your interest in pursuing such an arrangement, and responding to the specific details outlined above. I am prepared to have a memorandum of understanding drafted that will spell out the terms and conditions of our use of your buses, if needed.

Feel free to contact me at 757-259-7810 with questions or comments. I'm sure that we all wish for Anniversary Weekend to be a success, to put the region and the Commonwealth in a positive light nationally, and to encourage visitors to plan future trips to our region. Your participation would greatly advance our progress towards the development of an efficient, safe and convenient transportation system for Jamestown 2007.

Sincerely,



Thomas K. Norment, Jr.

cc: Mr. Earl Tyler, Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools
Mr. Robert Day, Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools
Mr. Robert Becker, Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools
Mr. Richard Drumwright, Jamestown 2007 Logistics Transportation Working Group



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Dr. Steven R. Staples, Superintendent
York County Public Schools
9300-G Geo. Washington Memorial Hwy.
Yorktown, Virginia 23692

Re: Support for Jamestown 2007 Commemoration

Dear Dr. Staples:

As you know, the Historic Triangle will be host to the events commemorating the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown on May 11-13 of next year. Over 90,000 visitors from the United States and abroad are expected to visit our region to witness the signature events and enjoy the festivities planned for Anniversary Weekend. At the core of the transportation system that will transport our visitors safely and efficiently to these events, is a shuttle bus system that will operate between park and ride lots, hotels and Jamestown Island. The Commonwealth of Virginia and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission have committed funds for this system. Richard Drumwright, who is the Transportation Coordinator for Jamestown 2007, and your transportation operations staff, have initiated discussions about the potential use of school buses as a cost-effective option for the Jamestown 2007 shuttle bus system.

This letter serves as a formal request for your assistance in making buses from your school district available for this system.

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The details of our request are as follows:

- **Dates:** The buses would be needed all day, Friday, May 11, Saturday May, 12 and Sunday May 13, 2007. We understand that the number of buses that could be made available for Friday's events may be limited with school in session. Consequently we ask that you consider closing school on that day in recognition of this once-in-a-lifetime commemoration.

Dr. Steven R. Staples

October 18, 2006

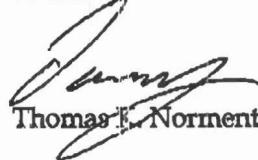
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- **Number of buses:** We would wish to lease approximately 100 school buses from the York County school system. We may also wish to lease a small number of disabled-accessible vans,
- **Cost:** Preliminary conversations with your staff have indicated that school buses could be leased for the weekend at approximately \$50 per hour, including maintenance, fuel, drivers, and wrecker support.

I look forward to a reply regarding your interest in pursuing such an arrangement, and responding to the specific details outlined above. I am prepared to draft a memorandum of understanding to spell out the terms and conditions of our use of your buses, if needed.

Feel free to contact me at 757-259-7810 with questions or comments. I'm sure that we all wish for Anniversary Weekend to be a success, to put the region and the Commonwealth in a positive light nationally, and to encourage visitors to plan future trips to our region. Your participation would greatly advance our progress towards the development of an efficient, safe and convenient transportation system for Jamestown 2007.

Sincerely,



Thomas E. Norment, Jr.

cc: Mr. James Lash, York County Public Schools
Mr. Richard Drumwright, Jamestown 2007 Logistics Transportation Working Group