VVC to seek payback from VVUHSD

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VICTORVILLE • Dirty classrooms have put Victor Valley College officials in a disagreement with their maintenance staff and caused them to seek about \$3,000 in reimbursement from the Victor Valley Union High School District.

VVC says VVUHSD violated their \$22,950 lease agreement when they did not prepare 10 off-site classrooms on time and the college was forced to hire outside contractors to do the work.

The college is leasing the rooms at the former Cobalt Middle School campus to teach nursing courses during the fall semester. The classrooms were not ready to be occupied a week prior to the start of the semester, VVC Vice President and Chief Financial Officer G.H. Javaheripour told the Board of Trustees last week.

He said VVC scrambled to get contracts in place for both cleaning and moving services, which ended up costing the college \$3,145.

Fred Board, President of the California School Employees Association at VVC and a warehouseman specialist, bemoaned the fact that the job tasks had not been offered to regular VVC employees for overtime pay.

Javaheripour said the situation was an "emergency" and said that because the work was done at an off-campus site it was not included in their contracts. He said the college would attempt to recoup the costs by deducting it from their lease payment to VVUHSD due in February.

Two calls seeking comment from VVUHSD officials were not immediately returned.

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