



# Jonesboro Middle School

## Jonesboro M.S. FAMILY

Hello, my name is Ms. Rasha Portis. I am the Coordinating Supervisor for Community Schools assigned to Jonesboro Middle School. I will help facilitate transforming Jonesboro Middle School into premiere community school.

### What is a Community School?

Community Schools are public schools that provide services and support that fit each neighborhood's needs, created and run by the people who know our children best (students, family, staff, and community stakeholders) —all working together. Because learning never happens in isolation, community schools focus on what students in the community truly need to succeed—whether it's free healthy meals, health care, tutoring, mental health counseling, or other tailored services before, during, and after school.

### Community Schools are Built Upon the Four Pillars

#### Integrated Student Supports

Support programs that address school learning barriers for students and families like mental and physical health programs

#### Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities

Enrichment activities emphasize real world learning and community problem solving beyond the traditional school day.

#### Active Family and Community Engagement

Community schools function as neighborhood hubs that provide opportunities for adults educational, employment support, and life enrichment.

#### Collaborative Leadership

Collaborative leadership is the glue that ties it all together. Collaborative leadership and practices in community schools can improve school climate, strengthen relationships, and build trust and a sense of collective capacity.



### *More About Ms. Portis*

Prior to this role, I have served as a School Social Worker for the past 11 years. Also, as a licensed clinical social worker, I am passionate about establishing and maintaining good mental health and self-care practices. You will definitely see this in the work that I do.

Fun Facts:

Born: October 31<sup>st</sup>

Hometown: Decatur, Illinois

Favorite Colors: Pink, Purple, Green

Hobby: Traveling -Beach Me Plz

Schools: Florida State University and University of Tennessee

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