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Formal Proposal to the School District Board of Trustees

Subject: Implementation of Advanced Privacy Restroom Systems to Address Student Health and Well-Being

Prepared For: School District Board of Trustees, Superintendents, and Facilities Management Directors

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1. Introduction & Statement of Purpose

The structural layout of standard school restrooms has remained virtually unchanged for decades, relying on open-gap communal stalls. However, an increasing body of medical and psychological evidence demonstrates that these environments are a primary source of severe anxiety, discomfort, and vulnerability for students. Many children systematically avoid using school restrooms entirely during the school day. This proposal presents a formal case for retrofitting and building school restrooms with advanced privacy frameworks—incorporating floor-to-ceiling acoustic walls, high-velocity ventilation, and active sound masking—to protect student health, dignity, and academic focus.

2. Medical & Health Necessity (The Case for Implementation)

Restroom avoidance is not merely a matter of preference; it is a critical health issue that causes severe, documented physiological problems for children as they grow. When students suppress the natural urge to use the washroom for 6 to 8 hours daily, it can lead to permanent damage to their developing systems.

Health Risk Factor

Physiological Impact & Consequences

Severe Gastrointestinal Issues

Chronic stool retention leads to the stretching and weakening of bowel muscles, causing severe chronic constipation, fecal impaction, and functional bowel disorders that persist into adulthood.

Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs)

Incomplete or delayed emptying of the bladder allows harmful bacteria to multiply within the urinary tract, leading to recurrent, painful UTIs and potential kidney strain.

Bladder Dysfunction

Frequent, long-term withholding weakens bladder compliance, potentially causing urinary retention, overactive bladder syndrome (OAB), or accidental incontinence during later childhood and teenage years.

Chronic Anxiety & Cognitive Distraction

Physical discomfort and the constant mental stress of avoiding the restroom significantly reduce a student's capacity to focus, directly impacting academic performance and emotional well-being.

3. District-Wide Implementation Specifications

To systematically eliminate the anxieties associated with sound, sightlines, and odor, the district is urged to adopt the following engineering standards for all upcoming renovations and new constructions:

A. Absolute Acoustic & Visual Privacy

Slab-to-Slab Structural Framing: Replace traditional gapped metal partitions with full-height, 5/8" Type X mold-resistant drywall assemblies mounted on heavy-gauge steel studs, extending completely from the subfloor to the upper structural ceiling deck.

High-Density Acoustic Insulation: Pack all internal wall cavities tightly with 3-inch sound-dampening stone wool insulation to achieve a high Sound Transmission Class (STC) rating, eliminating the transfer of vocal or mechanical sounds between stalls.

Solid-Core Doors with Drop-Seals: Utilize 1-3/4" heavy-duty solid-core composite doors fitted with neoprene perimeter gaskets and automatic mechanical drop-down bottom seals that fully close the gap between the door and floor upon shutting.

B. Advanced High-Velocity Ventilation & Ambient Freshness

Localized Source Exhaust: Install independent, high-static exhaust registers directly inside every single stall, tied to a continuous negative-pressure central inline fan system. Air is actively pulled upward and expelled outside the building, preventing cross-contamination of odors into shared spaces.

Rapid Air Purge Cycles: Program the mechanical system to trigger a high-velocity air exchange cycle immediately upon occupancy, thoroughly flushing out and replacing the entire air volume of the individual stall within 60 to 90 seconds.

Automated Post-Use Neutralization: Integrate

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