



Memorandum

Date: May 19, 2023
To: Board of Education
From: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO

Information Item: **Equitable Access to Washrooms**

1.0 RELEVANT BOARD MOTION/DIRECTION

February 22, 2022 Public Board Meeting

THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to ensure all schools provide equitable access to washrooms for all students and staff while respecting their privacy and dignity.

CARRIED

2.0 BACKGROUND

On December 7, 2022, the Planning and Facilities Committee discussed single use washrooms within middle and secondary schools. The specific number of single use washrooms was not readily available, and the Committee requested that staff identify single use washrooms within middle and secondary schools and bring this information to a future Committee meeting.

A report, prepared by the Director of Operations, was presented to the Planning and Facilities Committee on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 on single use washrooms in middle and secondary schools throughout the District (attached as Appendix A).

At the February 1, 2023 meeting, the Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board of Education:

THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to ensure all schools provide equitable access to washrooms for all students and staff while respecting their privacy of gender, medical status or religious or cultural practice.

At the February 22, 2023 Public Board Meeting, the Board of Education reviewed the information provided and amended the direction to the Superintendent of Schools as follows:

THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent of Schools/CEO to ensure all schools provide equitable access to washrooms for all students and staff while respecting their privacy and dignity.

The Board of Education requested a follow-up report be provided by the Superintendent of Schools/CEO.

3.0 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS/CEO COMMENTS

School-based administration and Operations' staff have worked together to ensure that accessible single use or universal washrooms are available for all students and staff in every school.

4.0 APPENDIX

- A. Report to Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting on February 1, 2023**
- B. Listing of Universal Washrooms by Family of Schools**