

# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item<u># 9.5</u>

Meeting Date: June 20, 2024

## Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3425: Campus Restroom Hygiene

Information Item Only
Approval on Consent Agenda
Conference (for discussion only)
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Public Hearing

Division: Youth Development Support Services

**Recommendation:** Approve Campus Restroom Hygiene Resolution No. 3425

**Background/Rationale:** In a survey conducted this year by the SAC regarding campus restroom hygiene and cleanliness, it was concluded that SCUSD campuses are extremely unhygienic. Students noted that restroom facilities lack the most basic necessities, in both quality and quantity. This resolution aims to address the need and urgency of ensuring campus restroom facilities are up to standard.

#### Financial Considerations: N/A

LCAP Goal(s): Youth Voice

**Documents Attached:** 1. Campus Restroom Hygiene Resolution No. 3425

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 Minutes Submitted by: Vanessa Reyes and the Student Advisory Council Approved by: Lisa Allen, Superintendent

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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 3425**

# RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE HYGIENIC AND SANITIZED RESTROOMS IN EACH SCHOOL

**WHEREAS** California Education Code Section 35292.5 states that every public and private school maintaining any combination of classes from kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, shall comply with all the following:

- 1. Every restroom shall at all times be maintained and cleaned regularly, fully operational, and stocked at all times with menstrual products, toilet paper, soap, a functional sink, and paper towels or functional hand dryers.
- 2. The school shall keep all restrooms open during school hours when pupils are not in classes, and shall keep a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when pupils are in class.

WHEREAS California Education Code Section 35292.6 states that every public school maintaining any combination of classes from grades 3 to 12, inclusive shall stock the school's restrooms at all times with an adequate supply of menstrual products, available and accessible, free of cost, in all women's restrooms and gender-neutral restrooms, and at least one men's restroom.

**WHEREAS** California Education Code Section 17070.755 states that "the use of funds in the restricted account established pursuant to Section 17070.75, shall be to ensure that facilities, including, but not limited to, restroom facilities for pupils, are functional and that they meet local hygiene standards generally applicable to public facilities."

**WHEREAS** SCUSD Board Regulation 7110 states that, "Restrooms shall be sufficient to accommodate the maximum planned enrollment and located on campus to allow for supervision."

**WHEREAS** SCUSD Board Policy 5030 states that the board seeks to ensure that, "Every school is a safe, clean, and healthy place in which children, staff, and families can learn, work, and engage."

- 1. The Superintendent or designee will ensure that a healthy educational environment, considering both physical and psychological aspects, exists in all facilities.
- A healthy physical environment includes physical safety; good air; access to fresh, no-cost, drinking water throughout the day; and access to restrooms with hot and cold running water, soap, disposable towels and/or hand dryers, proper trash and sanitary containers. Implementation of appropriate cleaning practices and properly operating heating and ventilation systems are required.

**WHEREAS** SCUSD Board Policy 0200 states that "The Governing Board shall provide for students' educational, personal and career needs by striving to: Maintain safe, healthful, and orderly campuses which encourage positive attitudes in students."

**WHEREAS** a survey conducted by the Student Advisory Council found that only 12.4% of SCUSD high school respondents thought the restrooms were of quality or high quality and over 51% of students said that bathroom cleanliness impacts their daily performance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in order to ensure the health and safety of students, Sacramento City Unified School District Facilities Support Services will ensure that school sites maintain sanitation standards in accordance with California Education Code 35292.5, where every restroom shall at all times be maintained and cleaned regularly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD Facilities Services will develop a standard for servicing, cleaning, and supplying campus restroom facilities to ensure it is maintained in a clean, sanitary, and serviceable condition in reflection of California Department of Industrial Relations 8397.4. To accomplish this, it is suggested that custodians within the Sacramento City Unified School District regularly update a system for reporting restroom maintenance as determined by the individual school site leaders;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD Facilities Services will report back to the Board of Education each semester regarding the progress of maintaining restroom hygiene and cleanliness, as well as to the Student Advisory Council per request of the council; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that SCUSD Facilities Services creates district-wide mandated protocols for the frequency at which restrooms are checked, cleaned, and stocked to ensure products such as toilet paper, soap, paper towels, and menstrual products are continuously restocked and bathrooms are operating to a full working standard at all times; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sacramento City Unified School District will develop a system in coordination with individual school sites in order to continuously monitor the state of school restroom facilities and accessible stock of hygiene products including but not limited to: toilet paper, toilet seat covers, paper towels, soap, and feminine hygiene products (pads and tampons); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all campuses will restock menstrual dispensers twice a week and continuously fix or replace such dispensers if they are broken; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sacramento City Unified School District will be encouraged to employ more custodial staff, who will be employed proportionally to school sites based on student population; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the costs associated with the implementation of this initiative are extraneous due to the nature of the initiative being to ensure precedent standards; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Sacramento City Unified School District recognizes campus hygiene as a major factor in overall wellness for all students.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 20th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTESTED TO:

Lavinia Grace Phillips President of the Board of Education

Lisa Allen Secretary of the Board of Education