

Urge School Board to Reevaluate Plan for Unisex Bathrooms, in particular at Prairie View



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The Issue

Speaking from personal experience, my own child was diagnosed with Crohn's disease at the age of 9, a condition fraught with emotional & physical challenges that become magnified in a school setting. The challenges he faced are not unique to my child, as they would apply to many of our children including young girls going through their monthly cycle, especially for the first time.

Our children shouldn't be subjected to embarrassment, fear, or shame when using the restroom facilities at school, especially during these difficult times. Our children have an undeniable right to privacy and to dignity, both of which are under threat with the current plan to implement unisex bathrooms at Prairie View Elementary School.

Studies have indicated that unisex bathrooms increase apprehension and discomfort in school-aged children (Child Psychology and Education Journal, 2016). These feelings of uneasiness can impact their concentration & overall academic performance. As parents and educators, it is crucial that we foster an environment conducive to their learning and their physical and emotional health / well-being, as well as their happiness.

It is essential to ask that the school board and Superintendent Clooten reconsider the plan to build unisex bathrooms into any of our schools. Let us advocate for the comfort, the dignity, and the benefit of our children and request the school board to provide facilities that respect these values. **Please, join us in making this urgent appeal.** Sign this petition now to support our mission to stand up for our children's right to privacy and dignity.

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