

UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION June 13, 2023

WHEREAS, at its meeting held on May 11, 2021, the Board adopted a resolution addressing private, gender-neutral restrooms at its school buildings because the restrooms are practical, safe, and grounded in the mission of Upper Arlington Schools and its commitment to support the whole child;

WHEREAS, in its May 11, 2021 resolution, the Board addressed the litigation that was then pending involving the restrooms at Windermere Elementary School;

WHEREAS, in October 2021, the Tenth District Court of Appeals issued a Decision and Judgment in favor of the Board and then in July 2022, the Board of Building Appeals for the State of Ohio granting a variance for Windermere Elementary School consistent with that decision and judgment; and

WHEREAS, the District did not make any changes to student restrooms for the 2022-2023 school year in order for students to have a consistent 2022-2023 school year, as compared to the 2021- 2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, all students in school buildings with new-construction restrooms have been able to utilize the District's newly designed toilet rooms which offer full, floor-to-ceiling walls and a full, locking door for added privacy; and

WHEREAS, the high school building currently offers all-gender restrooms (in addition to gender- specific restrooms), and every other school building in the District has private restroom options for students and staff who prefer them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board in its review of Paragraphs Numbered 1- 7 in the May 11, 2021 resolution, it reaffirms its commitment to and continues the directives identified at Paragraphs 4 and 6; finds Paragraphs 1 and 2 have been completed; and rescinds Paragraphs 3, 5 and 7.