

RESOLUTION 12.2022-33 (A-23)
IMPROVING RESTROOM ACCESS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
SCHOOL STUDENTS

ISMS Board Action Taken on 01/28/2023

Adopted Resolution 12.2022-33 (A-23), as amended by the Council on Education & Health Workforce.

Council on Education & Health Workforce Recommendation to ISMS Board on
01/28/2023

This resolution calls for ISMS to support age-appropriate teacher education for proper bladder health and encourage equitable restroom policy in our Illinois primary and secondary schools that allows students discretionary access to the restroom during the school day; and advocate for the Illinois State Board of Education to call for Illinois K-12 school boards to develop policy that provides students discretionary access to the restroom during the school day and may include (1) opposing limitations on frequency of restroom use (2) extending passing time in between classes and/or (3) coordinating a shorter walking distance in between students' classes.

While there was significant discussion on whether this resolution oversteps the reach of ISMS, it was agreed that teacher education on bladder and bowel health is important, as teachers may not be aware of the impact of these functions on children's overall health. The Council agreed to recommend an amended resolution.

The Council on Education & Health Workforce recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Resolution 12.2022-33 (A-23), as amended:

~~RESOLVED, that ISMS support age-appropriate teacher education for proper bladder and bowel health, and encourage equitable restroom policy in our Illinois primary and secondary schools that allows students discretionary access to the restroom during the school day; and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED, that ISMS advocate for the Illinois State Board of Education to call for Illinois K-12 school boards to develop policy that provides students discretionary access to the restroom during the school day and may include (1) opposing limitations on frequency of restroom use (2) extending passing time in between classes and/or (3) coordinating a shorter walking distance in between students' classes."~~