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Dear Families and Staff:

We are pleased to announce a new citywide initiative to designate single-stall student restrooms in all schools. Single-stall student restrooms will support students who have additional privacy needs, including students with medical conditions and disabilities, as well as transgender and gender non-conforming students.

Over the next several months we will work with individual schools and principals to identify these facilities. Single-stall student restrooms will be available in schools citywide by January 2018. These facilities provide a safe space for students, and do not require special permission or medical documentation. The single-stall student restrooms are also aligned with the DOE's Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Student Guidelines, which permit students to use bathrooms and other school facilities that align with their gender identity and/or comfort level; single-stall restrooms provide an additional option for students.

Each restroom will have clear and appropriate signage, free menstrual products and receptacles at our middle and high schools, and safety locks with administrative keys.

We are dedicated to providing every student with a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment. As part of that commitment we want to ensure that all students receive the additional privacy they need.

If you have any questions on this initiative or how it may impact your child, please contact your school's administration.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth A. Rose
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