

## District 99 eyes installation of gender-neutral bathrooms

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**DOWNERS GROVE** – Community School District 99 plans to install gender-neutral, single-stall bathrooms at Downers Grove North and South high schools and is considering adding private changing areas in its locker rooms.

District spokeswoman Jill Browning said the bathrooms could be added during spring break, while the locker room changes could be decided on later this spring.

She said single-stall bathrooms are

already available in the nurse's office at each school, and this additional bathroom would add another option.

As far as the private changing area, she said some students have said they would prefer the privacy.

Browning said the district is not considering adding these private spaces because of any mandate but to give students options and create an "atmosphere of respect." The District 99 Board of Education will hear a report on the possible locker room changes during its April 11 meeting, she said.