## PATTONSBURG R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Patrons:

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 the Pattonsburg Board of Education had a Special Board meeting with teachers and staff, to discuss ongoing issues in the Middle and High School. Issues in the bathrooms include wiping fecal matter on the stalls and walls of the bathroom creating a biohazard, vaping, bringing in and using non-flushable wipes which clog and damage plumbing, hanging out in the bathroom and engaging in general horseplay that has lead to damaged toilets and sinks.

The Board of Education, Teachers, and Staff that attended the meeting agreed to enforce the handbook which states, "Due to the increase in technology, in our facility, there is to be no food or drinks in lockers or the classrooms. No food or drinks, other than water should be in the hallways, parking lot or used during the school day from 7:50-3:36. Teachers may excuse water with no additives." Students can have water in the classrooms, but it must be in a clear container with a lid. Students should not be putting water in opaque containers like Stanley cups or drinking containers without lids. Special circumstances for food and drink may be pre-approved by the Administrator in charge for students with documented medical issues

The Board of Education, Teachers and Staff also decided that students must check in with their classroom teacher before going to the bathroom outside of established times between classes. Teachers and staff are going to do bathroom "checks" throughout the day on a regular schedule to monitor for vandalism and destruction. Cameras have been installed to monitor who enters or exits the bathrooms, but know there are no cameras inside the bathrooms.

Students involved in vandalism, destruction, or horseplay in the bathrooms, hallways or other school property will be punished in accordance with the handbook. Administrators have been told to contact the Daviess County Juvenile Officer to report the incident.

The Board of Education, Teachers and Staff, kindly request you discuss with your child the serious consequences of being involved in incidents that may occur in bathrooms, hallways or on other areas of school property.

Thank you very much for your cooperation with the Pattonsburg R-II Board of Education, Administration, Staff and Teachers.

Sincerely

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