

High School Implements Controlled Access System to Improve Restroom Oversight and Reduce Operational Burden

East Providence High School enhances restroom oversight and efficiency with Won-Door's controlled access system, ensuring safety and accessibility.

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI, UNITED STATES, April 15, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- East Providence High School has implemented an innovative approach to restroom access and campus management, leveraging a controlled access system to improve oversight, reduce incidents and support staff efficiency—without compromising safety or accessibility.



Won-Door in East Providence High School

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Faced with ongoing challenges related to restroom misuse, limited staffing and the need for better accountability during short class transitions, school administrators partnered with [Won-Door Corporation](#) to deploy a solution that integrates controlled access with daily operations.

In February 2026, the school installed 10 [Won-Door SteelGuard™](#) systems at restroom entrances throughout the facility. The systems are programmed to remain closed between class periods, with students granted access using approved hall passes and key fobs. This approach allows administrators to better regulate usage while maintaining alignment with existing school policies.

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The system works in conjunction with the school's digital hall-pass platform, giving staff greater visibility into restroom usage and enabling faster, more targeted responses when issues arise. By introducing controlled access and improved accountability, the school has significantly reduced the time required to investigate incidents and manage facility-related disruptions.

Beyond restroom oversight, the SteelGuard systems also support broader operational needs across the campus. Originally installed

throughout corridors and shared spaces in 2021, the systems enable staff to quickly section off areas during after-hours events, maintenance activities and emergency situations—enhancing both safety and flexibility.

“Before, you might spend eight hours reviewing camera footage. Now, you can pinpoint activity within fifteen minutes,” Carpenter added. “It takes a lot off people’s plates and makes everyone’s life easier.”

Importantly, the solution meets fire code and ADA requirements while preserving full accessibility and avoiding permanent structural changes to the building—key considerations for K-12 facilities navigating evolving safety and operational demands.

East Providence High School’s approach reflects a growing need among educational institutions to adopt solutions that not only enhance security, but also address day-to-day operational challenges with practical, scalable systems.

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