



**Agenda Item No. 11.**

**Staff Report**

**Date:** January 13, 2022

**To:** Mayor Robbins and Council Members

**From:** Gretchen Castets, Recreation Manager

**Subject:** Explore Potential Intermittent Community use of Ross School Exterior Restrooms

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**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Town Council provide direction to the Town Manager regarding the concept of implementing a pilot program that would allow intermittent community use of the Ross School exterior blacktop restrooms during non-school hours.

**Background and Discussion:**

Currently, the Town provides a temporary portable public restroom facility in the post office parking lot. A Ross resident suggested that the Town partner with the Ross School to enable intermittent community use of the school's exterior restrooms during afternoons and weekends when community use of the Common is high. The Superintendent of the Ross School, Dr. Michael McDowell, has indicated his interest in exploring the concept. Although operational details would need to be worked out, the concept is that the Ross School exterior restrooms would remain open for a few hours after school and on weekends when demand for the restroom facilities by users of the playground and the Common peaks. The facilities would remain locked at all other times. If the majority of the Town Council is supportive of the concept of exploring the pilot program, the Town Manager would meet with Superintendent McDowell to prepare a recommended implementation plan for Town Council consideration that includes Town resources that would be required including an appropriation of funding to cover increased janitorial expenses.

**Alternative actions:**

The alternative action would be to continue the status quo.

**Fiscal, resource and timeline impacts:**

To be determined.