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A School District's Collaborative Journey to Furniture Standardization

Kara Rise, ATSR & Thomas Bravo, St. Louis Park PSD #283

As St. Louis Park Public School District reflects on the effort and solutions for their district-wide building standards and furniture standardization, the outcomes achieved were truly successful in fulfilling the objective to create sustainable and energy-efficient building material standards and 'future-ready' ergonomic furniture standards for 21st century classroom design.



HEALTHY CLASSROOMS



Promoting Wellness Through Spatial Design

Ellen Woodsbie, Jennifer Leyva, and Jill Ackers-Clayton, Fielding International

As our schools transition into the "next normal", we have the opportunity to make changes that are aligned with fostering whole-child wellbeing and create cultures that promote healthy behaviors, social connectedness, and mental health for our students. To do this, we must ask ourselves: what resources should our schools invest in to meet the needs of our teachers, students, staff and parents?





9 Design Questions that Set the Stage for Creativity

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TECHNOLOGY



Assessing Technology-Enabled Furniture

Christopher Dechter, University of Wyoming

Technology adoption is commonly driven by students and the new use of huddle spaces and informal spaces as learning spaces follows that trend. Despite the same students bringing their own laptops and tablets to those spaces, providing technology-enabled furniture in those informal spaces requires the same attention to detail when reviewing cable connections, equipment mounting, cable routing, field serviceability, and ADA compliance.



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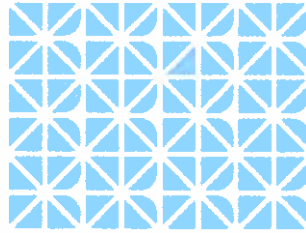
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Building the Next Normal: A Pathway to Safer Spaces



At **R-Zero** we care deeply about the health of the world around us—as a company, and as people who are a part of this society. As we navigate through the changing landscape of variants, regulations, concerns, and solutions, understanding where to focus your efforts is very challenging. This newsletter is intended to help give you data, link you to external resources, and inform you on how best to navigate these waters.



Keeping Current on New Variants & Long COVID

Amid recent COVID spikes in the media and around the world, the new BA.5 variant continues to gain attention across the nation. Here is [our point of view](#) on the recent reinfection data and longer-term impacts.

"For every subsequent Covid-19 reinfection, the rate of chronic disease increases. The higher the number of reinfections the height the probability of developing a chronic disease "

- Dr. Richard Wade, PhD, MPH
Chief Scientist, R-Zero

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No Regrets Disinfection - Get Started Today

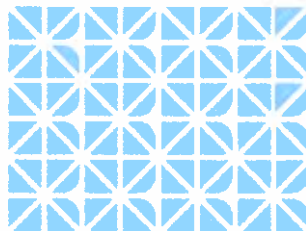
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As your students, teachers, and staff return to school for the 2023 school year, there's an easy, effective way to prioritize their safety and learning outcomes to create the best learning environment possible. [Learn more about how Beam and Vive](#) can provide always-on, autonomous disinfection for high-risk spaces in your schools.

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See how [Fort Bend](#) school district put R-Zero's UVC disinfection ecosystem into practice to help students thrive.

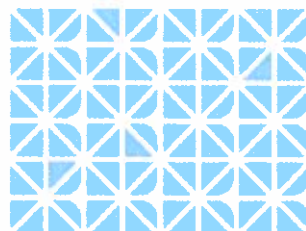


How to Assess Indoor Health Risk On Your Campuses

Going back to a shuttered world is not an option. Our society, our economy, and our productivity need to continue. Searching for and implementing passive mitigation options becomes more important and impactful in order to achieve long and short term longevity.

R-Zero UV-C solutions combine hospital-grade disinfection with modern technologies to create a continuous, autonomous disinfection ecosystem. Our ecosystem combats surface and air microorganisms to enhance indoor environments and improve indoor air quality.

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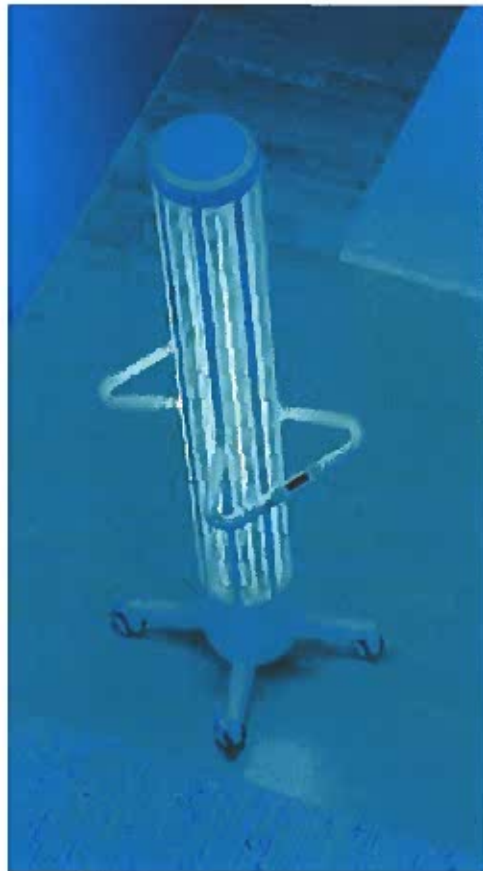
What Customers Are Saying About R-Zero

We love helping customers connect with the value of UV-C disinfection and the value of promoting the customer's brand as innovators, wellness advocates, and individuals who show their values through action.

Here is a quote a customer shared with us recently:

"We got Arcs toward the back end of the year for across our campuses. Those machines are like another person—you don't have to do true disinfection yourself. The machine will do that for you."

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The Latest From R-Zero



New Study Finds 55% of Air We Breathe is Contaminated

Based on recent sampling in cities across the U.S., R-Zero found that the air we breathe is 5x dirtier than the surfaces we touch.

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Blog posts, downloads, videos, and more to help you achieve a new standard of disinfection for your shared spaces

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Mid-Career Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership

Was it supposed to be such a complicated Fall?

We hope you're well amidst everything! While we hope many of you are enjoying a return to something resembling a new next normal, we also know how many of you are facing crazy, complicated contexts.

Hence, *an invitation*.

We're UPENN's [Mid-Career Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership](#)—a growing community of experienced educational leaders, 20+ years developing, that continues to deepen and stretch its impact in the field. At core, our doctoral studies continue an ongoing renewal as a premier national program, with the challenges of daily practice at the center of our work. Our network and its initiatives continue to expand and engage most of our talented alumni every year.

Our tagline for years has been "Lead Serious Change." The last 18 months have only underlined in Sharpie how urgent and complex that challenge is for us. It's a time to do the work in community.

So, we invite you to consider our community of fellow leaders, rooted in a cohort-based, 3-year executive format doctoral program, deeply committed to leading from an inquiry stance in these unsettled and unsettling times. Some further information is below, and we invite you to join us for one of our online sessions:

[Information Sessions](#)

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Monday, November 8, 2021 @ 6:00pm
New York City (in person)

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 13, 2021 @ 1:00pm
Philadelphia (in person)

WESTERN/PACIFIC

Thursday, December 16, 2021 @ 6:00pm PST
(virtual)

EASTERN

Monday, January 10, 2021 @ 6:00pm EST
(virtual)

All best to you and yours,
Mike

About the Program

Mid-Career Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership is an executive format, cohort-based, intensive 3-year program (dissertation integrated), for experienced educational leaders from public, charter, parochial, and independent schools, and other organizations, nationwide. Once a year Penn accepts a select group of 25 leaders with whom to re-shape education. We meet one week each July, one weekend each month, and occasionally online. Students continue to lead in their diverse communities, integrating intensively their research and practice. Structured for working professionals, the program serves experienced educational leaders from public, charter, parochial, and independent schools as well as other K12 educational organizations from across the US.

To Register: http://mcdpel.gse.upenn.edu/information_sessions

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Call for Proposals

Submit Your Proposal

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5 things school leaders should do this summer



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For the children who survived Uvalde, trauma will take time to heal



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The road to recovery will be long for students who survived the Uvalde shooting and for their parents.

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Tennessee Gov. Lee issues executive order to enhance school safety

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Today, Tennessee Governor Bill Lee will sign an executive order directing accountability measures for school safety and an evaluation of training for Tennessee law enforcement.

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Pandemic effect: Most big districts to offer virtual learning this fall



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At least half of the nation's 20 largest school districts will offer more full-time virtual schooling this fall than they did before the pandemic.

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NC General Assembly needs lunch cost solution for students



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3 "keepers" from teaching in a pandemic



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Who would have thought that we would still be teaching in the midst of a pandemic? At the beginning of this school year, public school districts had to make important decisions about how to approach...

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USDA invests \$100M in school meal program innovation



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The agency's Healthy Food Incentive Fund program comes as federal pandemic era meal waivers are set to expire June 30.

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