



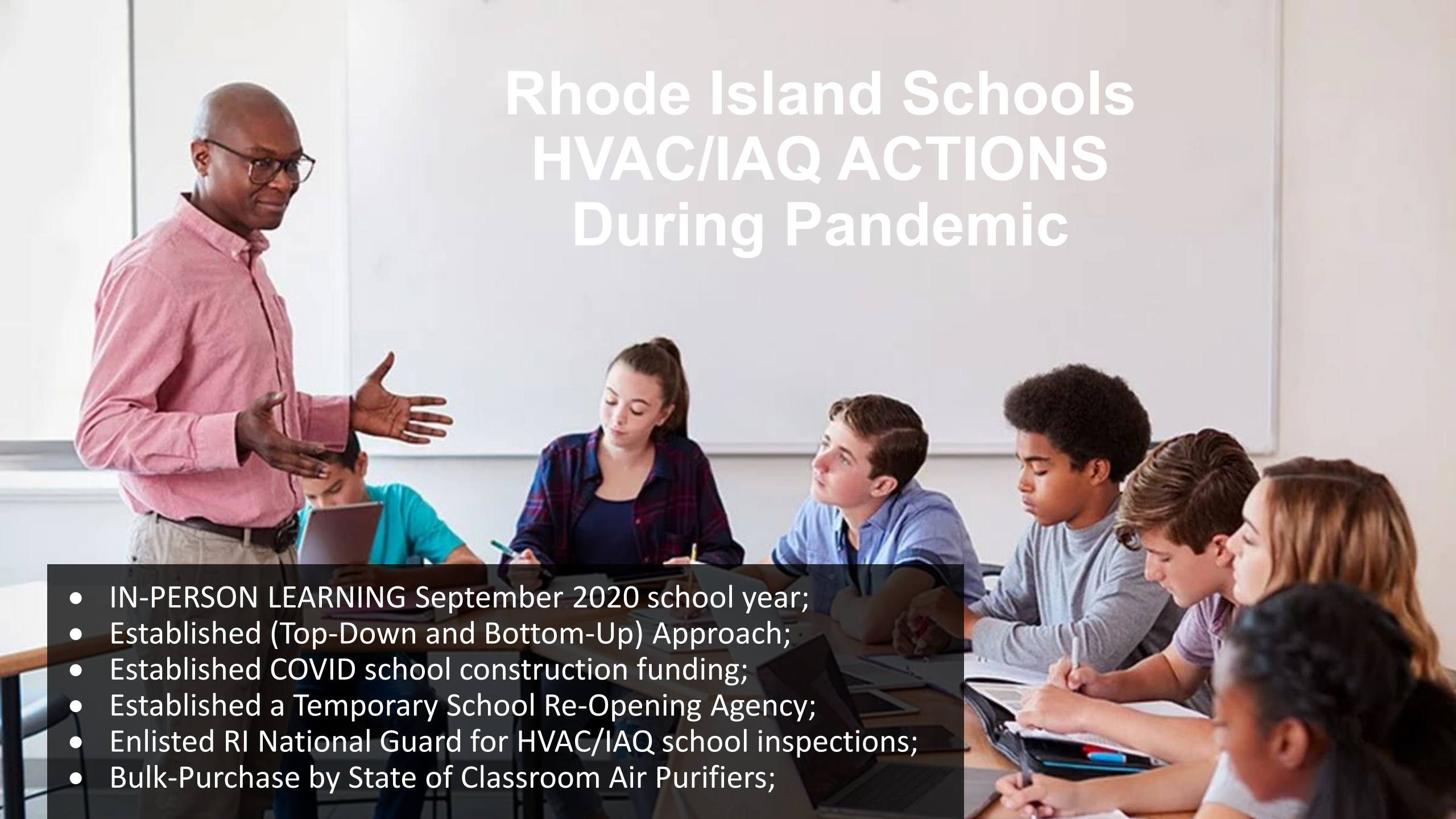
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Rhode Island Schools HVAC/IAQ ACTIONS During Pandemic

- IN-PERSON LEARNING September 2020 school year;
- Established (Top-Down and Bottom-Up) Approach;
- Established COVID school construction funding;
- Established a Temporary School Re-Opening Agency;
- Enlisted RI National Guard for HVAC/IAQ school inspections;
- Bulk-Purchase by State of Classroom Air Purifiers;

A photograph of a classroom. A teacher, a woman with long brown hair wearing a red patterned shirt and tan pants, is standing and pointing at a whiteboard. The whiteboard has some math problems and a map of Rhode Island. Several young students are sitting at round tables, looking towards the teacher. The room has green walls and large windows on the right side.

Rhode Island Schools HVAC/IAQ ACTIONS Next Steps

- Major investment in School Construction Investment
- FUNDING Mechanism- Statewide Bonds + Annual Appropriations
- Providence Takeover: 50% students to attend 21st Century Schools
- Guidance: “[School Ventilation for Covid-19, CHPS](#)” white paper



Continue R.I. **Green** Schools

Climate Action + Net-Zero NRG + HVAC/IAQ = Student Health and Achievement



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