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Subject: Leaves of Absence

1. In general, leaves of absence shall be administered by the Superintendent.
 - a. The Board reserves the right to grant leaves of absence for purposes or under conditions not contemplated or considered in the policy statement.
 - b. Under laws and rules governing such action, the District may undertake appropriate disciplinary action where a leave of absence is falsely requested or improperly used.
 - c. Except by permission of the Superintendent, as expressed in writing, the purpose or conditions of a leave of absence may not be altered.

2. Leaves of absence, contractual, et al:
 - a. Employees who are members of a negotiating unit:
 - 1) Authorization is granted to approve requests for leaves of absence submitted pursuant to provisions of contracts in effect between the District and each bargaining unit.
 - b. Employees who are not members of a negotiating unit:
 - 1) Authorization is granted to approve requests for leaves of absence submitted by such employees where such requests are not inconsistent with provisions of contracts in effect between the District and the bargaining unit most compatible with the employment status of the employee.
 - c. Employees who are under contract to the District:
 - 1) Authorization is granted to implement provisions for leaves of absence contained in each such contract.

3. Leaves of absence, unpaid, not covered in 2.a, above:
 - a. Subject to limitations enumerated in this policy statement, authorization is granted for the following unpaid leaves of absence.
 - 1) For a period of time not to exceed one school year for approved graduate study, such leave to include any required internship experience.

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- 2) At the expiration of a paid sick leave of absence, to extend such a leave of absence for a period of time not to exceed the end of the school year in which the paid leave of absence commenced.
 - b. The Superintendent shall have discretion to approve leaves of absence in unique emergency situations not covered in negotiated contracts.
 - c. Unpaid leaves of absence shall not be granted unless the services of a substitute employee, satisfactory to the discretion of the Superintendent, are able to be secured.
 - d. Except where it interferes with an employee's legal or contractual rights, the timing of unpaid leaves of absence will be granted at the convenience of the District.
4. Other leaves of absence:
- a. Emergency Service Volunteer Leave

Upon presentation of a written request from the American Red Cross and with the approval of the Superintendent, employees certified by the American Red Cross as disaster volunteers shall be granted leave from work with pay for up to twenty (20) days in any calendar year to participate in specialized disaster relief operations. This leave shall be provided without loss of seniority, compensation, sick leave, vacation leave or other overtime compensation to which the volunteer is otherwise entitled.
 - b. Screenings for Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer

Employees shall be granted up to four (4) hours of leave on an annual basis to undertake a screening for breast cancer; employees shall be granted up to four (4) hours of leave on an annual basis to undertake a screening for prostate cancer (i.e., male employees are entitled to a total of eight (8) hours for both screenings). This leave shall be excused leave and shall not be charged against any other leave to which the employee is entitled. This leave must be documented by a service provider upon return from the leave.
 - c. Blood Donation

The School District must either, at its option:

 - (a) Grant three (3) hours of leave of absence in any twelve (12) month period to an employee who seeks to donate blood. The leave may not exceed three (3) hours unless agreed to by the Superintendent/designee; or

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- (b) Allow its employees without use of accumulated leave time to donate blood during work hours at least two (2) times per year at a convenient time and place set by the Superintendent/designee, including allowing an employee to participate in a blood drive at the District.

The District shall not retaliate against an employee for requesting or obtaining a leave of absence under this section. Additional leaves for the purpose of blood donation under any other provision of law shall not be prevented.

d. Bone Marrow Donation

Employees seeking to undergo a medical procedure to donate bone marrow shall be granted leaves to do so, the combined length of the leaves to be determined by the physician, but may not exceed twenty-four (24) work hours unless agreed to by the Superintendent/designee. The District shall require verification for the purpose and length of each leave requested by the employee for this purpose.

Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), 38 United States Code (USC) Sections 4301-4333
 Civil Service Law Sections 71-73, 159-b and 159-c
 Education Law Sections 1709(16), 3005, 3005-a and 3005-b
 General Municipal Law Section 92-c
 Labor Law Sections 202-a, 202-c, 202-i and 202-j

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