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## SABBATICAL LEAVE

### Purpose:

Sabbatical Leaves will be granted at the sole discretion of the Board for the purpose of enabling staff members to develop professionally in a manner consistent with the Individuals job assignment or Building and District goals. Proposals for sabbatical leave should be either graduate study at an accredited college or university or other approved educational activities which would benefit the students of our District. Applications for one of the two sabbatical plans: one full school year at one-half salary or a period up to one-half school year at full salary. In no case will more than one partial sabbatical leave request be approved per year.

As a condition of the sabbatical and in consideration of the payments made by the School District to the professional during his/her leave, the professional must file with the Superintendent an agreement which stipulates that he/she will return to the School District for at least one full year at the conclusion of his/her sabbatical leave or reimburse the School District the full amount received as salary and other economic benefits during the sabbatical leave.

### Selection Committee:

Applicants will be selected by a selection committee consisting of: the superintendent (or assistant superintendent), a principal (or his/her representative) from each school, a School Board member, and one teacher from each school. Teachers will serve for three-year terms, staggered so that at least one term expires each year. Any teachers on the committee who submit an application for sabbatical leave must resign from the committee and a replacement will be chosen. Teachers will be eligible to serve on the committee after serving three years in the District. Teacher representatives to the committee will be elected by peers from their own school.

At the end of the sabbatical a written report and evaluation of the work for which the sabbatical is granted should be submitted to the committee for approval. Once approved, the committee will recommend to the Superintendent that the School Board advance the professional to the salary step on which the professional would have been placed had the leave not been taken. Post-sabbatical presentations to the committee will occur within 45 days of returning to school.

### Cross Reference:

GCBD-R – Sabbatical Proposal