

POLICY 3.80

5-A I recommend that the Board approve development of the proposed revised Policy 3.80, entitled "Leave of Absence."

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Development CONSENT ITEM

- This revision will update the Policy and transfer certain brief portions to Policy 3.20, which is also under revision on today's agenda.
- A new section is added regarding domestic violence leaves.
- Several forms are incorporated in the Policy by reference. (For convenience, they are also attached as an appendix hereto.)
- If the terms of a collective-bargaining agreement differ from this Policy, the language of the employee's agreement will take precedence.

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3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 1 2 1 3 4 4 1 5 6 7 8 9 9	1.	A leave of absence is permission granted by the Board, or allowed under its adepolicies, for an employee to be absent from duty for specified periods of time wit right of returning to employment on the expiration of the leave. All absences of S Board employees from duty shall be covered by leave duly authorized and grate Leave shall be officially granted in advance by the School Board and shall be used the purposes set forth in the leave application. Leave for sickness or other emerge may be deemed to be granted in advance if prompt report is made to the pauthority. No leave, except military leave, shall be granted for a period greater than (1) year. A new leave application may be filed and granted at the expiration of leave automatic renewals of leave shall not be allowed, unless a currently existing of agreement provides otherwise. Requests for extensions of leaves may be approved the Superintendent or his/her designee based on the needs of the District. A Leave of absence may be with or without pay unless otherwise as provided by law, of the State Board of Education, specified by School Board policy, and/or negocontracts. If the terms of a collective-bargaining agreement differ from this Policy language of the employee's agreement will take precedence. The following typ leave are available to School District employees:						
20		a.	Leave for personal reasons					
21		b.	Annual leave (vacation) for 12-month personnel					
22		C.	Sick leave					
23		d.	Catastrophic leave (extended illness)					
24		e.	Injury or illness in-line-of-duty leave					
25		f.	Sabbatical leave					
26		g.	Temporary military leave					
27		h.	Regular military service leave					
28		i.	Professional leave and extended professional leave					
29		j.	Charter school leave (as stated below)					
30		k.	Voluntary/extended military leave					
31		I.	Leave of absence for the purpose of campaigning for political office					
32		m.	Personal leave including maternity/recovery and child care					

n. Jury Duty (see School Board Policy 3.70)

o. Domestic Violence Leaves

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- Paid Leaves: Requests for paid leave of absences shall be made on form PBSD 0032, found on the District's Web site at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/Records/FormSearch.asp, and this form is incorporated herein by reference as part of this Policy.
 - a. Leave for Personal Reasons.-- An employee shall be allowed six (6) days paid leave for personal reasons each year to be charged against accrued sick leave, provided that such leave shall be non-cumulative and does not interfere with the school/department operation.

b. Annual Leave for 12-Month Personnel.--

- i. An employee who is employed on a twelve-month basis shall be allowed annual leave, exclusive of holidays, with compensation, as follows:
 - A. An employee with less than five (5) years of continuous service at a rate of one (1) day per month, cumulative to twelve (12) work days per year.
 - B. An employee with five (5) to ten (10) years continuous service at a rate of one and one-quarter (1 1/4) days per month, cumulative to fifteen (15) work days per year.
 - C. An employee with ten (10) years or more of continuous service at a rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) days per month, cumulative to eighteen (18) work days per year.
 - D. For the purposes of annual leave accrual in determining continuous service, total years of service will be recognized from other Florida Retirement System (FRS) agencies provided that the effective date of employment with this District does not exceed more than fifteen (15) business days from the termination date of the previous FRS employer.
- ii. Accrued annual leave shall not exceed sixty (60) work days on June 30 of each year, pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 1012.65. Annual leave may be granted by the Superintendent or his/her designee upon the written request of the employee, with prior recommendation by the employee's administrative superior. Annual leave for an employee shall be scheduled so that there will be minimum disruption of the operation of the District school system.
- iii. (Moved to Policy 3.20) Upon employment termination, the employee shall be paid for all unused annual leave as terminal leave pay.

c. Sick Leave.--

i. Extent of sick leave.-- A School Board employee who is in a position not included in an established bargaining unit shall be credited with four (4) days of sick leave as of the last day of the 1st month of regular employment of each appointive year, and shall thereafter earn one (1)

day of sick leave at the end of each calendar month provided that the employee has been on duty or compensable leave a minimum of eleven (11) days within the month; and provided further, that the employee shall be entitled to earn no more than one (1) day of sick leave times the number of months of employment during the year of employment.

- A. Sick leave shall not be used prior to the time it is credited to the employee.
- B. If the employee terminates employment and has not earned the four (4) sick days available, the Board will withhold the average daily amount for the sick days utilized but unearned by the employee.
- C. An employee whose duty-day basis changes shall have sick leave balance as a permanent half-time employee converted at the rate of two (2) part days of sick leave to one (1) full day of sick leave. The same principle applies to a permanent full-time employee whose duty-day basis changes to a permanent half-time employee by converting all credited sick leave at the time of change to one (1) full day of credited sick leave to two (2) part days of sick leave.
- ii. Sick leave shall be cumulative from year to year with no limit on the number of days accrued; provided, that at least one-half (1/2) of this cumulative leave must be established within the Palm Beach County School District (See "v" below). An employee returning to the system after a leave of absence or resignation shall be entitled to the accrued balance credited at the time of such leave or resignation, unless the employee received payment previously, either in part or full, for that time.
- iii. An employee may use accumulated sick leave for absence due to disability caused by pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, childbirth, and recovery therefrom, all of which shall hereafter be referred to as pregnancy. Should sick leave be insufficient, personal leave provisions may be used for pregnancy. The employee will have the duty to inform the personnel office at least one month before expected date of leave so that a temporary replacement can be provided. Similarly the employee should keep the principal or supervisor informed as to the date of probable return to assignment after delivery and recovery.
- iv. An employee requiring more than thirty (30) working days of paid leave for recovery may be required to submit medical evidence at reasonable intervals supporting the need for additional leave.
- v. Out-of-county credit for sick leave.- Employees shall be entitled to 'transfer sick leave credit from other Florida school systems and State agencies which are participants in any of the Florida <u>R</u>retirement <u>S</u>system plans with the restriction that at least one-half (1/2) of the cumulative leave shall be established within this School District.

116 117 118 119		vi.	Sick leave claims shall be honored as submitted by the employee for personal illness, as well as illness or death of father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, child or other close relative, or member of the employee's own household.
120 121 122		vii.	(Moved to Unpaid Leaves—Section (3) H below) Sick leave without pay may be granted for employees who have used all accumulated sick leave, but who would otherwise qualify for sick leave.
123 124 125 126		<u>vii.</u> viii.	The Superintendent <u>or his/her designee</u> may require a doctor's statement of verification of illness. A request to the Superintendent <u>or his/her designee</u> for a verification of claim may be initiated by the principal or supervisor.
127 128		<u>viii.</u> ix.	A false claim for sick leave shall be grounds for dismissal by the School Board.
129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137		X.	(moved to Policy 3.20 – Termination of Employment [7]) Personnel shall receive a terminal retirement benefit for unused sick leave. Employees under Fla. Stat. § 1012.61(2)4 or § 1012.61(2)5 who retire, and the beneficiary(ies) of such personnel whose employment is terminated by death, shall receive payment for accrued sick leave days at their daily rate, at the time of such retirement or death, multiplied by the maximum applicable percentage allowable under Fla. Stat. § 1012.61(2)4, or at the maximum amount allowable under § 1012.61(2)5, as applicable.
120	d.	Catast	trophic Illness or Injury Leave
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138 139 140 141 142	u.	i.	A catastrophic illness or injury shall be defined as a medical condition not covered by Workers' Compensation requiring absence from work greater than fifty (50) working days of consecutive absence for a single illness or injury.
139 140 141	u.		A catastrophic illness or injury shall be defined as a medical condition not covered by Workers' Compensation requiring absence from work greater than fifty (50) working days of consecutive absence for a single illness or
139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148	u.	i.	A catastrophic illness or injury shall be defined as a medical condition not covered by Workers' Compensation requiring absence from work greater than fifty (50) working days of consecutive absence for a single illness or injury. An employee who sustains a catastrophic illness or injury may apply to the Department of Compensation and Human Resource Planning for and receive, for use on a matching basis, supplementary catastrophic illness or injury leave not to exceed the number of regular, unused sick leave days that the employee had accumulated on the first day of the regular sick leave applied to the catastrophic illness or injury. Section (2)(D)

e. Injury or Illness In-Line-of-Duty Leave.-- An employee who is absent due to injuries or illness clearly received in the discharge of assigned duties shall be entitled to additional sick leave benefits as hereafter provided:

- i. An employee who is injured in-the-line-of-duty may be entitled to a maximum of ten_(10) non-cumulative leave days which shall not be charged against the employee's sick leave balance. This LOD leave will not exceed ten (10) school/business days per injury and ten (10) school days per school year. Requests for this leave shall be made on form PBSD 0032, which can be found on the District's Web site at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/Records/FormSearch.asp, and this form is incorporated herein by reference as part of this Policy. All claims for such leave must clearly substantiate an injury received in carrying out assigned duties. Additionally, such paid leave shall only be awarded for the duty days for which the employee has been actively employed. After ten (10) school days have been exhausted, the employee may apply for unpaid leave if eligible.
 - A. Leave will not be payable under this section if the injury occurs while the employee is intoxicated, jor; while under the influence of any narcotic drug, barbiturates, or other stimulus not prescribed by a physician, to such extent as to deprive the employee of normal faculties to drive, be in actual physical control of, or operate, while on duty, any automobile, truck, or other vehicle, and the injury is caused primarily by the intoxication or impairment of the employee.
 - B. Leave will not be payable under this section to an employee when that employee willfully or intentionally causes injury to self or to others while on duty.
 - C. If the injury is caused by the intentional refusal of the employee to properly use equipment or observe safety rules required by statute or this District, and said rules have been reviewed by the employee prior to the accident, compensation as provided by Fla. Stat. § 440.09(4) shall be reduced by twenty-five (25) percent.
- ii. When an employee can clearly demonstrate that the contracting of a disease was from the school center or department to which <u>he/she was</u> assigned, then the employee may qualify for a maximum ten (10) days of non cumulative illness in-line-of-duty leave.
- iii. An absence for illness in-line-of-duty leave may be granted when the employee can clearly demonstrate the contracting of an infectious or contagious disease at the work location for which inoculations are not available and exclusive of upper respiratory infections or complications therefrom. Common colds, influenza or other illnesses common to the public are not to be considered as illness in-line-of-duty. Further, this contagious disease must be exclusive of upper respiratory infections or

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203 204 205 206 207		iv.	make compe	es of unusual illness or injury in-the-line-of-duty, an employee may a request to the Superintendent <u>or his/her designee</u> for additional ensated leave days. If the Superintendent <u>or his/her designee</u> is ed that the condition warrants, additional leave days shall be ized.				
208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215		V.	illness princip and s reques shall s claim policy	ployee who has \underline{a} claim for compensation while absent because of contracted or injury incurred as prescribed herein shall notify the ral or department head as soon as such illness or injury is apparent hall file a claim by the end of each month or pay period as sted during which such absence has occurred. The School Board ratisfy itself that the claim correctly states the facts and that such is entitled to payment. An employee who has a claim under this shall fully cooperate with the Board and shall authorize the release medical records as necessary.				
217 218 219 220 221 222 223	f.	in the or his, profes consected to the c	pbatical Leave. — After each six (6) consecutive years of satisfactory service the District, an employee may apply by letter submitted to the Superintendent is/her designee for a year's leave of absence for educational travel, or ressional academic advancement. Authorized leave shall not break secutive service. A person on leave may request and be granted sabbatical ye. A fraction of a year exceeding one-half (1/2) of the regular appointive od shall count as one (1) year's service.					
224 225 226 227		i.	amour benefit	oard will pay retirement and Social Security contributions on the of salary actually paid the employee and will provide employment its, excluding sick and annual leave, which are provided a regular yee; however, any additional cost will be paid by the employee.				
228 229 230 231		ii.	eligible applica	tical leave for one-half (1/2) year may be granted if the applicant is under this provision for formula with the further provision that said ant shall not be eligible for additional sabbatical leave until eligibility stablished by six (6) more consecutive years of satisfactory service.				
232 233 234		<u>iii.</u>	reques	et to budgetary constraints and considering the subject matter of the st.—Ssabbatical leave shall be granted to qualified applicants ling to the following criteria:				
235 236			A.	Sabbatical leave may be granted to the number of employees for the amount budgeted by the Board.				
237 238 239 240			В.	Sabbatical leave shall be granted based upon points earned. Applicants shall earn one point for each year of continuous service in the District over six (6) years. Applicants shall be considered in descending order of points earned.				
241			C.	Applications for subsequent sabbatical leaves after the first leave				

243 244		for a lesser number of <u>prior</u> sabbatical leaves have been considered.
245 246 247 248		<u>D.</u> If In case applicants for sabbatical leaves are tied in total points, selection shall be determined by the Superintendent or a committee appointed by the Superintendent or his/her designee for this specific purpose.
249 250 251 252 253	iv.	An applicant granted sabbatical leave shall receive one-half (1/2) of the annual base gross monthly salary according to the salary schedule. If it is found that a sabbatical leave recipient is violating the conditions of this leave, salary payments may be discontinued and the recipient shall repay all prior payments that were improperly received.
254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262	V.	Sabbatical leave may be carried over from one school year into the next on a continuous basis not to exceed the <u>per annum number of</u> duty days of the applicant for a year of work. Salary and benefits for a sabbatical leave extending over two (2) school years will be pro-rated based on the salary schedules of the years involved. Such leave commencing during a year of the school year shall not be granted until a suitable replacement is provided for the position being vacated. Any carry-over of sabbatical leave from one school year into the next is not to be considered a part of the quota of leaves possible the second year.
263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271	<u>vi.</u>	Requests for S-sabbatical leave applications shall be submitted to filed with the Superintendent or his/her designee not later than February 15 th of each year. Each applicant applying for sabbatical leave for professional academic advancement shall submit information relative to the type of work to be undertaken. Each recipient of such leave shall be required to take sufficient graduate work leading to an advanced degree as to be classified as a full time student by the college or university of attendance. At the termination of such leave, proof that such graduate work has been completed shall be filed with the Superintendent or his/her designee.
272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281	Vii.	Sabbatical leave shall not be considered a termination or breach of contract of employment, and a person on such leave shall be returned to the same position held prior to the granting of such leave and the year of experience shall be counted for salary purposes; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall preclude the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent in the event a position has been abolished, a category of positions has been eliminated, or it is deemed in the best interest of the school system, from reassigning such person upon return to duty, to such substantially equivalent a similar, in compensation and responsibilities, position as shall then be available.
282 283	viii.	An employee who is granted a sabbatical leave shall sign a contract with the District stating that:
284 285		A. The employee shall return to the District and serve an additional three (3) school years following the expiration of the leave.

286 B. The employee shall repay the full amount of money received for 287 the sabbatical if the employee fails to return to the District. 288 C. The employee shall repay two-thirds (2/3) of the full amount of 289 money received for the sabbatical if the employee returns to the 290 District, but stays only one (1) year. 291 D. The employee shall repay one-third (1/3) of the full amount of the 292 money received for sabbatical if the employee returns to the 293 District, but stays only two (2) years. 294 E. The Superintendent or his/her designee may decide not to require 295 the provisions within subparagraphs (A), (B), (C) and (D) above 296 based on the needs and operation of the District The above 297 requirements in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D), may be 298 waived by the Superintendent or if the condition of the employee's 299 health is such that the employee files and is qualified for disability 300 retirement from the Florida public schools. 301 g. Temporary Military Leave .-- If the obligation for temporary military service 302 cannot be met outside the time of contractual employment, temporary leave for 303 military service with the United States Armed Forces or the Florida National 304 Guard will be granted with pay not to exceed seventeen (17) days in any one annual period of compensation as provided in Fla. Stat. § 115.07, or the member 305 306 of the staff may request uncompensated military leave. All efforts should be 307 made to prevent such leave being taken during the time school is in session. 308 Requests for temporary military service should be made by letter and filed with 309 the Superintendent or his/her designee for Board action. If possible, this shall be 310 done prior to the Board meeting preceding the date of leave. 311 h. Regular Military Service Leave .-- An employee who is required to serve in the 312 United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard shall be granted 313 military leave. Other than temporary personnel, an employee granted military 314 leave shall receive full remuneration for the first thirty (30) days of active duty. 315 After the initial thirty (30) day period, the employee shall receive partial pay in the 316 amount equal to the amount necessary to bring the employee's military pay up to 317 the level of his/her civilian pay minus supplements. The period of full pay and 318 partial pay, collectively, shall continue for one calendar year and, thereafter, only 319 at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee and upon the approval 320 of the School Board, based on the requirement of the efficient operation of the 321 District School System and consideration what is fair to the employee. 322 i. While on active duty, the employee shall retain all seniority rights, 323 efficiency ratings, promotional status, salary classification, pension 324 benefits, and retirement privileges, as if continuously employed; . <u>Uupon</u> 325 returning to the school system following completion of duty in the armed

forces, the employee shall be treated as not having had a break in

service. During the period in which the employee receives partial

compensation, however, the employee shall not accrue additional sick,

annual vacation, or personal days. During the partial-pay period, such

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333 334			ii.	•	proper request for reemployment after returning from military e, an employee must be promptly reemployed.
335 336 337			iii.	must	38 U.S.C. Chapter 43, an employee returning from military service normally report to work and request reemployment within the ng timeframes.
338 339 340 341				A.	For service of 30 days or less, not later than the beginning of the first full regularly scheduled work day following completion of service, after allowing for an eight (8) hour rest period following safe return to the place of residence.
342 343				B.	For service of 31 days or more but less than 181 days, within 14 days after completion of service.
344 345				C.	For service of 181 days or more, not later than 90 days after completion of military service.
346 347			iv.	-	g a non-instructional employee's absence on military leave, the on may not be filled by an interim employee during the first 90 days.
348 349 350 351 352 353 354 355 356 357 358		i.	grante benefi and d <u>budge</u> weeks shall b weeks <u>locate</u> <u>www.r</u>	ed to an t, advail egrees, etary co s of profese cumus. A profese delimber	Leave Professional leave, as defined in SBER 6A-1.081, is leave a employee to engage in activities which will result in professional accements or job effectiveness including earning of college credits or that will contribute to the profession of teaching. Subject to astraints, an An employee may be granted three (3) consecutive essional leave during any fiscal year with compensation; such leave alative not to exceed thirty (30) work days or not to exceed six (6) fessional leave request is made on form PBSD 0032 (TDE) that is no the District's Web site at: ach.k12.fl.us/Records/FormSearch.asp, and this form is nerein by reference as part of this Policy.
359 360 361 362 363 364	3.	pay fo applic days. www.r	or more able),. Form palmbea by refe	than t Form P IS PBS ach.k12 erence a	nitial requests and extension requests for leave of absence without en (10) days shall be made on forms PBSD 1666 and 1650 (if BSD 0032 should be used for unpaid absences of less than ten (10) D 1666 and 1650 can be found on the District's website at .fl.us/Records/FormSearch.asp, and the forms are incorporated as part of this Policy. Pol Leave.—As stated in Fla. Stat. § 1002.33(12)(e), "Employees of
366 367		wi	a scho	ool distr	ict may take leave to accept employment in a charter school upon of the district school board.
368 369			<u>i.</u> leave:	-	he following employee groups may apply for unpaid charter school

370		A. Instructional Personnel; or
371 372		B. <u>Personnel seeking employment at a conversion charter school</u> (subject to the provisions of charter contract language.)
373 374		ii. All other personnel accepting full-time employment at a Charter School must resign their position with the Palm Beach County School District.
375 376 377 378 379 380 381 382		While employed by the charter school and on leave that is approved by the district school board, the employee may retain seniority accrued in that school district and may continue to be covered by the benefit programs of that school district, if the charter school and the district school board agree to this arrangement and its financing. School districts shall not require resignations of teachers desiring to teach in a charter school. This paragraph shall not prohibit a district school board from approving alternative leave arrangements consistent with chapter 1012."
383 384 385 386 387 388	b.	Extended Professional. Extended professional leave is leave without pay extending for more than thirty (30) consecutive duty days primarily for the employee's benefit and that of the teaching profession. Extended professional leave, upon approval of the Superintendent, may be granted to any employee who has served satisfactorily and successfully in the District; provided that such leave shall not exceed a period of one (1) year.
389 390 391 392	c.	Voluntary Military Service Leave/Extended Service. — When an employee enters into active duty in the armed forces for temporary duty, training duty, or extended periods of service, military leave must be granted under the requirements of 38 U.S.C. Chapter 43.
393 394 395 396 397 398	d.	Leave for Political Campaigning Any person who has filed to run for political office and is desirous of personal leave for political reasons shall make application for such leave and shall be entitled to personal leave. The person shall not be restricted to one leave during a political campaign; however, if possible, leave shall be requested for the duration of the campaign. Leave shall be taken for all absences for political campaigning.
399 400 401 402 403	e.	Personal Leave An employee requesting short-term or long-term personal leave shall make written application to the supervisor, stating reasons for such leave. Requests for extensions may be approved by the Superintendent or

412 a doctor's statement certifying that his physical condition is satisfactory to 413 return to normal duties. 414 f. Maternity/Recovery and Child Care .-- As set forth in greater detail in School 415 Board Policy 3.76, an employee who is pregnant, adopting a child, or is receiving 416 a foster child into the home, may request and be entitled to a leave of absence 417 without pay for maternity or child care reasons to begin anytime during 418 pregnancy (normally after recovery) or, in the case of adoption or foster child 419 care, the receipt of custody. Leave may be granted for the remainder of the 420 employee's term of appointment and may be extended for one (1) additional year provided that the total time away from the job is not more than eighteen (18) 421 422 months. It is the responsibility of the employee to keep the supervisor informed 423 so that appropriate administrative arrangements can be made prior to return to 424 duty. **Domestic Violence --**425 <u>q.</u> 426 Pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 741.313. if the employee, or a family or household 427 member of an employee, is the victim of domestic violence, said employee may request and take up to three (3) working days of unpaid 428 429 leave from work in any 12-month period for the following reasons: 430 to seek an injunction for protection against domestic violence or 431 an injunction for protection in cases of repeat violence, dating 432 violence, or sexual violence; 433 to obtain medical care or mental health counseling, or both, for the 434 employee, or a family or household member, to address physical 435 or psychological injuries resulting from the act of domestic 436 violence; 437 to obtain services from a victim-services organization, including, 438 but not limited to, a domestic violence shelter or program or a rape 439 crisis center as a result of the act of domestic violence; 440 to make the employee's home secure from the perpetrator of the 441 domestic violence or to seek new housing to escape the 442 perpetrator; and/or 443 to seek legal assistance in addressing issues arising from the act 444 of domestic violence or to attend and prepare for court-related 445 proceedings arising from the act of domestic violence. 446 Except in cases of imminent danger to the health or safety of the 447 employee, or to the health or safety of a family or household member, an 448 employee seeking leave from work under this section must provide to his 449 or her employer notice, as appropriate, along with sufficient 450 documentation of the act of domestic violence.

451 An employee seeking leave under this section must, before receiving the 452 leave, exhaust all annual or vacation leave, personal leave, and sick leave, if applicable, which is available to the employee. 453 454 All information relating to the employee's leave under this section is confidential and exempt from disclosure to the extent authorized by 455 456 Florida law. 457 Sick leave without pay may be granted, based upon the needs of the District, for 458 employees who have used all accumulated sick leave, but who would otherwise 459 qualify for sick leave. 460 461 4. Sick Leave Donation to Family Members.-- As required by Fla. Stat. § 1012.61(2)(e), 462 the District shall allow an employee to authorize his or her spouse, child, parent, or sibling who is also a District employee to use sick leave that has accrued to the 463 authorizing employee. The employee will use form PBSD 1791, found on the District 464 465 Web site at www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/Records/FormSearch.asp, and is incorporated 466 herein by reference as part of this Policy. 467 The recipient family member may not use the donated sick leave until all of his or a. 468 her own accrued sick leave has been depleted (excluding leave available from a 469 sick leave pool, if the recipient participates in such leave pool). 470 b. Donated sick leave under this section shall have no terminal value, as provided 471 in § 1012.61(2)(e): however. (but the remaining received credits may be donated 472 to another family member under this section, or to another employee under 473 section (5) below, or to a sick leave pool if the departing employee is a member 474 thereof under section (6) below). 475 5. Transfer of Annual or Sick Leave to Another Employee for Sick Leave.-- A regular 476 non-bargaining-unit employee may donate unused accrued annual leave or sick leave, in 477 whole-day increments, to another regular non-bargaining-unit employee to use for leave 478 for the recipient employee's serious illness, accident, or physical injury. The employee 479 form PBSD 2175. found on the District Web at 480 www.palmbeach.k12.fl.us/Records/FormSearch.asp and incorporated herein 481 reference as part of this Policy. 482 a. A regular employee may donate unused accrued sick leave under this section as 483 long as the donating employee has completed at least six (6) years of service. 484 A regular employee may donate unused accrued annual leave under this section b. 485 as long as the donation would not prevent him or her from taking any minimum 486 required annual leave during that fiscal year. 487 Such donations shall be processed using an appropriate District form signed by C. 488 the donor employee. 489 d. The donated leave shall not be accessible to the recipient until his/her own

accrued sick leave and annual leave have been exhausted. Once accessible, the

donated leave shall be transferred to the donee on an as-needed basis.

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492 Donated leave under this section shall have no terminal value to the donee. e. 493 f. Any donated leave credits not used within twelve (12) weeks after donation shall 494 revert to the donor. 495 6. Sick Leave Pool -- To allow participating full-time non-bargaining-unit employees to 496 pool accrued sick leave and disburse pooled leave to any participating non-bargaining-497 unit employee who is in need of sick leave beyond the amount he or she has personally 498 accrued, the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to establish a sick leave pool 499 in accordance with the following provisions pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 1012.61(3)(a)-(i): 500 a. The pool program shall be based upon the maintenance of reliable and accurate 501 records showing the amount of sick leave which has been accumulated and is 502 unused by employees. 503 b. Participation in a sick leave pool shall at all times be voluntary on the part of 504 employees. 505 C. A full-time employee shall be eligible for participation in a sick leave pool after 506 one (1) year of employment with the District, provided the employee has accrued 507 at least twelve (12) days of unused sick leave and provided that a sick leave pool 508 is established that allows participation by that particular employee. 509 d. Any sick leave pooled shall be removed from the personally-accumulated sick 510 leave balance of the employee donating such leave. 511 e. Participating employees shall make equal contributions to the sick leave pool. 512 The initial contribution shall be one (1) day's amount of sick leave. After the initial 513 contribution that the employee makes upon electing to participate, no further 514 contributions shall be required except as may be necessary to replenish the pool. 515 Any such further contribution shall be equally required of all employees 516 participating in the pool. 517 f. A participating employee is not eligible to use sick leave from the pool until all of 518 his or her normally-personally accrued sick leave has been depleted. 519 An employee may withdraw up to sixty (60) days of credits from the sick leave g. 520 pool during any one fiscal year. 521 h. A participating employee who uses sick leave from the pool is not required to 522 recontribute such sick leave to the pool, except as may be required of all pool 523 members on an equal basis as necessary to replenish the pool, as provided in 524 subsection (e) above. 525 i. An employee who chooses to no longer participate in the sick leave pool is not

eligible to withdraw any sick leave already contributed to the pool.

Any sick leave time drawn from the pool by a participating employee must be

used for that employee's personal illness, accident, or injury on an as-needed

basis and shall have no terminal value to the employee. The Superintendent/

designee is authorized to investigate the use or alleged abuse of sick leave by a

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531 532	participating employee. Upon a finding of wrongdoing misuse or abuse, the employee shall repay all of the sick leave credits drawn from the sick leave pool
533	and be subject to such other disciplinary action as determined by the School
534	Board to be appropriate, up to and including termination.
535	k. Sick leave pool will not be paid in conjunction with Workers' Compensation.
536	STATUTORY AUTHORITY: §§ 1001.32(2); 1001.41[(1) & (2); 1001.43(11); 1012.22(2);
530 537	1012.23(1); 1012.61(2)(e); 1012.61(3); 1012.66, Fla. Stat.
538	LAWS IMPLEMENTED: §§ 115.07; 741.313; 1001.32(2); 1012.61; 1012.62; 1012.63; 1012.64;
539	1012.65; 1012.66; 1002.33(12)(e), Fla. Stat.; Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C.
540	§ 2602 et seq., 29 C.F.R. Part 825; Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights
541	Act, 38 U.S.C. § 4301 et seq.
542	HISTORY: 11/29/76; 6/26/82, 12/11/85, 7/7/93; 4/28/2003 [1/18/2006, emergency rule adding
543	sections 4, 5, and 61: 4/5/2006: / /2008

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Legal Signoff:	
The Legal Department has reviewe for development by the Board.	d proposed Policy 3.80 and finds it legally sufficient
Attorney	 Date

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Leaves/Temporary Duty Elsewhere (TDE) Application

Employee ID	

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School	l/Departn	nent Name								School	ol/Dept.#
I. Request for Leave of Absence I hereby apply for Leave of Absence (pursuant to School Board Policy 3.80 or collective bargaining agreement on the following duty days. (List dates absent, identifying 1/2 days with A.M. or P.M.)											
PAII	PAID LEAVE (choose one only) Sick (S) Personal (Charged to Sick Leave) (P) Line-of-Duty Injury or Illness (LOD)(L) Vacation - 12 month positions only (A) Jury Duty / Paid Witness Duty (J) Half Sick / Half Workers Comp. (V) Other (Explain) UNPAID LEAVE - less than 10 unpaid days (c) Maternity / Recovery / Child Care Other Personal Personal (To be charged to an employee Principal / Department Head due to improp								and sub	mitted by	
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BSD 00)32 (Rev.	Approved 10/29/2007)	Disapprov		Signature of Area Superintendent (Principal Leave/TDE only)					 Date	



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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Request for Leave of Absence Without Pay Initial Request Extension

DIRECTIONS: If you are submitting this form for an initial leave check "Initial Request" above and complete section A. If you are requesting an extension to an existing leave check "Extension" above and complete section B. **Incomplete forms will not be approved.**

Social Sec # (last 4 digits only)

Employee ID #

Leaves of absence (pursuant to School Board Policy 3.80 or collective bargaining agreement) will be approved by the Superintendent's designee prior to final School Board action. For additional coverage under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), attach the Certification of Health/Medical Condition form (PBSD 1650).

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Pos	sition		School/Departn	nent		
	SECTION A- INITIAL REQUES Complete this section if this is your first requested to flast day worked Date of last sick day used Initial here if you are choos (use only when applying for expected return date	uest for leave v	sick days lick Leave)	SECTION B E Complete this sec to extend your ini without pay. Revised date retu	ction if you tial reques urning to w	r purpose is t for leave
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	Military	Attach appro	opriate orders w	hen available.		
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BAR	RGAINING UNIT/GROUP (check one only) CTA FPSU AESOP] PBA 🔲 A	dministrative	Confidential/Misce	∍llaneous	☐ Other
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REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY DIRECTIONS

- 1. Use this form to request an **Unpaid Leave of Absence**.
- 2. Make sure the form is entirely complete and necessary documentation is attached.
- 3. Section A Initial Request:
 - a. Date of last day worked Indicate the last day you will be at work.
 - b. Use of sick days:
 - If this is a sick leave and the employee has short or long term disability, it is the employee's choice if they want to use any sick days.
 - If this is a maternity/child care leave it is the employee's choice if they want to use any sick days.

Note: Usually if the employee has short term disability, they use only enough of their sick days to cover the time until their disability starts.

- If the employee does not have short or long term disability, they must use all their sick days.
- If the employee is taking a leave to care for a family member, they must use all their sick days.
- c. Sick days are not to be used for other types of leave.
- d. Indicate the day you are planning to return to work.

4. Section B - Extension Request

If you are unable to return to work on the original date requested, submit an extension request and a new return date.

Note: Extensions to Maternity/Child Care leaves, do not require additional documentation.

5. Type of leave Requested - check the appropriate leave requested and attach necessary documentation.

<u>Sick leaves</u> are for all employees and can be used for their own illness or to care for a family member. This leave can be extended for the remainder of one school year and the entire next school year.

<u>Maternity/Child Care</u> are for all employees. Employees may use up to 15 sick days prior to delivery and up to 30 days after delivery (or 45 days after a caesarean section.) Requesting use of sick days must be decided and clearly stated when applying for maternity/childcare leave. Once leave has been processed dates will not be changed. This leave is also used for adoption and foster care but sick days may not be used. Maternity/childcare leave may be granted for a maximum of 18 months but it must be continuous. Once an employee returns from this leave, they <u>may not</u> go back out on leave. <u>Personal leaves</u> are granted at the discretion of the Board with the exception of FPSU. Each request is reviewed on a case by case basis and supporting documentation is required in order to make a fair determination based on undue hardship. Long Term Leave are granted at the discretion of the Board with the exception of FPSU. Each request is reviewed on a case by case basis and supporting documentation is required in order to make a fair determination based on undue hardship.

Professional leaves are for teachers and non-bargaining unit members only and **must** be applied for by May 1st for the upcoming school year. This type of leave is designed to cover a full school year unless exceptions are made by the administration. Teachers must have completed at least one satisfactory school year and must engage in activities that will enrich their teaching profession. The Superintendent must authorize approval for Non-bargaining unit members.

<u>Career Change leaves</u> are for teachers only and <u>must</u> be applied for by May 1st for the upcoming school year. This type of leave is for one complete year unless exceptions

are made by the administration. Teachers must have completed at least 5 years of teaching with Palm Beach County School District and wish to venture off into another career other than teaching. This leave is allowed only once and will not be extended or granted thereafter.

<u>Charter School</u> Non-instructional employees may only apply to South Tech and Inlet Grove. All employees must submit a letter from the charter school indicating hiring dates.

Military Attach appropriate orders when available.

Political Any employee who has filed to run for political office and is desirous of unpaid leave for political reasons shall make application for such leave and shall be entitled to it. The employee shall not be restricted to one (1) leave during a political campaign; however, if possible, leave shall be requested for the duration of the campaign. Leave shall be taken for all absences for political campaigning.

FPSU and PBA Employees: all leaves (except Maternity/Child Care) are considered personal and may be limited to 90 work days. Leaves for strictly personal reasons are approved by the Principal or Department head. Sick leaves are approved by the District.

- 6. Bargaining Unit/Group- check one.
- 7. Be sure to sign the form.
- 8. Your Principal/Department head is signing this form to acknowledge that they know you are going on leave. Their signature is not an approval except for Personal leaves for FPSU and PBA employees. All other leaves are approved by the Department of Compensation and Human Resources Planning.



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY EMPLOYEE RECORDS AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Certification of Health/Medical Condition (Family Medical Leave Act of 1993)

The Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) requires covered employers to provide up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave to eligible employees for certain medical reasons. Employees are eligible if they have worked for the employer for at least one year and for 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months. If you are eligible, complete the following certification of health and attach it to your leave application.

Employee's Name	2. Patient's N	ame (if different from employee)
LAST	FIRST LAST	FIRST
	describes what is meant by a "serious health coing the appropriate category below.	ndition" under FMLA. Please select the
(1) (2) (3)	(4) (5) (6) (7)	or (8) does not qualify
	hich support your certification, including a brief se serious health condition categories	tatement as to how the medical facts
5. State the approximate date the duration of the patient's incapacit	ne condition commenced, and the probable durati y if different)	on of the condition (and also the probable
6. Signature of Health Care Pro	vider	
	SIGNATURE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDE	DATE DATE
7. Health Care Provider Informa	ation	
Health Care Provider Name		Telephone Number
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listed on the back of this form. \ conditions as if you continued to pay, benefits, and terms and c FMLA leave for a reason other t entitle you to additional FMLA I	ntitle you to up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid le four health benefits must be maintained during a work. Additionally, you must be reinstated to onditions of employment upon your return from lehan: (1) the continuation, recurrence or onset of eave or (2) other circumstances beyond your concepremiums paid on your behalf during your FM	ny period of unpaid leave, under the same of the same or equivalent job with the same eave. If you do not return to work following a serious health condition which would ontrol, you may be required to reimburse the
	SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE	DATE

DEFINITIONS:

Incapacity - inability to work, attend school, or perform other regular daily activities due to the serious health condition, treatment thereof, or recovery therefrom.

Treatment - includes examinations to determine if a serious health condition exists and evaluations of the condition. Treatment does not include routine physical examinations, eye examinations, or dental examinations.

Regimen of continuing treatment - a course of prescription medication (e.g., an antibiotic) or therapy requiring special equipment to resolve or alleviate the health condition. A regimen of treatment does **not** include the taking of over-the-counter medications such as aspirin, antihistamines, or salves; or bed-rest, drinking fluids, exercise and other similar activities that can be initiated without a visit to a health care provider.

A "serious health condition" refers to an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental condition that involves one of the following:

- (1) Hospital Care (i.e., an overnight stay) a period of stay in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care facility, including any period of incapacity or subsequent treatment in connection with or consequent to such inpatient care.
- (2) Absence Plus Treatment period of incapacity of more than three consecutive calendar days (including subsequent treatment or period of incapacity relating to the same condition) that also involves:
 - (a) treatment two or more times by a health care provider, by a nurse or physician's assistant under direct supervision of a health care provider or serves under the orders of, or on referral by, a health care provider;
 - (b) treatment by a health care provider on at least one occasion which results in a regimen of continuing treatment under the supervision of the health care provider.
- (3) Pregnancy any period of incapacity due to pregnancy or for prenatal care.
- (4) Chronic Condition Requiring Treatment a chronic condition which:
 - (a) requires periodic visits for treatment by a health care provider, or by a nurse or physician's assistant under direct supervision of a health care provider;
 - (b) continues over an extended period of time (including recurring episodes of a single underlying condition);
 - (c) may cause episodic rather than a continuing period of incapacity (e.g., asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.)
- (5) Permanent/Long-term Conditions Requiring Supervision a period of incapacity which is permanent or long-term due to a condition for which treatment may not be effective. The employee or family member must be under the continuing supervision of, but need not be under active treatment by, a health care provider (e.g., Alzheimer's disease).
- (6) Multiple/Intermittent Treatments any period of absence to receive multiple treatments by a health care provider for restorative surgery, or for a condition that would result in a period of incapacity of more than three consecutive days (e.g., cancer, severe arthritis, etc.).
- (7) Child care immediately following maternity or placement of a child with employee for adoption or foster care. No physician statement required.

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Family Member Sick Leave Transfer Request

Section 1012.61 of Florida Statues allows a district employee to transfer sick leave to a spouse, child, parent or sibling who is also a district employee. No other relationship is allowed under this law. In-law and step relationships are excluded. Transferred sick leave cannot benefit the recipient until their accrued sick leave balance has been depleted. The recipient may be eligible for holiday pay, if applicable, as a result of transferred sick leave. Donated sick leave shall have no terminal value as provided in Florida Statute 1012.61(2). To authorize the transfer of sick leave from one employee to another, this form must be completed and submitted to the Department of Compensation and Employee Information Services.

SECTION I - Transferring Employee

The transferring employee is the employee who wants to transfer sick leave to a family member who is also employed by the

- · Accrued sick leave balance will be reduced by each transfer.
- Oath and signature are required to authorize the transfer and must be notarized.

EMPLOYEE NAME (last, first, middle)		EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER
EMPLOYEE POSITION/TITLE	EMPLOYEE WORK LOCATION	
Number of sick hours to be transferred	<u> </u>	
I solemnly swear and truthfully affirm that I am related to	recipient, (print name)	
as his/her (relationship)	I understand that an	y false statement on this form wi
result in disciplinary action.		
	SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE TRANSFERRING SI	CK LEAVE DATE
	SIGNATURE OF EMPLOTEE TRANSFERRING SI	OK LEAVE DATE
SECTION 1 A - To be completed by a Notary Public		
Sworn to and subscribed to me this day of		
who is personally known to me or who has produced		as identification.
	SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	DATE
	PRINT NAME	EXPIRATION DATE
SECTION II - Recipient Employee		
Recipient employee is the employee who will receive trar	nsferred sick leave from a family mer	mber who is also employed by
the district. • Employee must be in a position that		
Employee must deplete sick leave ba	alance before transferred sick leave	can occur.
EMPLOYEE NAME (last. first, middle)		EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER
EMPLOYEE POSITION/ TITLE	EMPLOYEE WORK LOCATION	
	SIGNATURE OF RECIPIENT EMPLOYEE	DATE



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Sick and /or Annual Leave Transfer Request for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

School Board Policy 3.80 allows a non-bargaining unit employee to transfer accrued sick leave and, if applicable, accrued annual leave to another non-bargaining unit employee as sick leave. Transferred leave cannot benefit the recipient until his/her sick leave balance has been depleted and, if applicable, annual leave balance has been depleted. To authorize the transfer of leave from one non-bargaining unit employee to another non-bargaining unit employee as sick leave, this form must be completed and submitted by the employee to the Department of Compensation and Employee Information Services.

SECTION I - Transferring Employee

The transferring employee is the non-bargaining unit employee who wants to transfer sick and/or, if applicable, annual leave to another non-bargaining unit employee as sick leave.

- · Accrued sick and/or annual leave balance will be reduced by each transfer.
- Oath and signature are required to authorize the transfer and must be notarized.

EMPLOYEE NAME (last, first, middle)		EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER
EMPLOYEE POSITION/TITLE	EMPLOYEE WORK LOCATION	
Number of hours of: a) sick leave to be transferred	b) annual leave to be transferre	d as sick leave
I solemnly swear and truthfully affirm that I am a non-bar and/or annual leave day(s) as indicated above to the nor understand that any false statement on this form will res	n-bargaining unit employee (as listed in Se	
	SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE TRANSFERRING	LEAVE DATE
SECTION 1 A - To be completed by a Notary Public		
STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF		
Sworn to and subscribed to me this day of	January ,by	
who is personally known to me or who has produced		as identification.
	SIGNATURE OF NOTARY PUBLIC	DATE
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