

1 **Leave Sharing**

2 A. A district employee is eligible to receive donated leave if the following conditions are met:

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- 4 1. The staff member suffers from, or has a relative or household member suffering from, an
 5 extraordinary or severe illness, injury, impairment or physical or mental condition; is a
 6 victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking; needs time for parental leave; is
 7 sick or temporarily disabled because of pregnancy; or has been called to service in the
 8 uniform services
- 9 2. The staff member’s condition or circumstance has caused or is likely to cause, the staff
 10 member to:
- 11 a) Go on leave-without-pay status; or
 12 b) Terminate his/her employment;
- 13 3. The staff member's absence and the use of shared leave are justified by documentation;
- 14 4. The staff member has depleted, or will shortly deplete, his/her annual leave and sick
 15 leave reserves (a staff member who is sick or temporarily disabled because of pregnancy
 16 or using parent leave does not have to deplete all annual and sick leave reserves; he or
 17 she can maintain up to 40 hours of annual leave and 40 hours of sick leave in reserve);
- 18 5. The staff member has abided by district rules regarding sick leave use; and
- 19 6. The staff member has diligently pursued and been found to be ineligible to receive
 20 industrial insurance benefits.

21 The superintendent or designee shall determine the amount of leave, if any, which a staff
 22 member may receive under this policy and procedure. However, a staff member shall not
 23 receive more leave than the number of contracted days remaining in the current school year.
 24 In the event that the condition requiring the employee's absence continues beyond the current
 25 school year, the employee shall not receive a total of more than 261 days of leave.

26 B. District employees may donate leave as follows:

- 27 1. A staff member who has an accrued annual leave balance of more than ten (10) days may
 28 request that the superintendent or designee transfer a specified number of days to another
 29 person authorized to receive shared leave, or to the district's annual leave pool. A staff
 30 member may not request leave to be transferred that would result in an accrued annual
 31 leave balance of fewer than ten (10) days.
- 32 2. A donating staff member must retain a minimum of 176 hours of sick leave after the
 33 transfer.
- 34 3. A staff member who does not accrue annual leave but who has an accrued sick leave
 35 balance of more than twenty-two (22) days may request that the superintendent transfer a
 36 specified amount of sick leave to another person authorized to receive such leave, or to
 37 the district's shared leave pool. A staff member may not request a transfer that would
 38 result in an accrued sick leave balance of fewer than twenty-two (22) days. Sick leave as
 39 defined in RCW 28A.400.300 means leaves for illness, injury and emergencies.
- 40 4. A staff member who receives personal holiday leave may request that the superintendent
 41 or designee transfer a specified amount of personal holiday leave to another person
 42 authorized to receive shared leave, or to the district’s shared leave pool. A staff member
 43 may request to transfer no more than the amount of personal holiday leave provided by
 44 RCW 1.16.050 during any calendar year.

- 1 5. The number of leave days transferred shall not exceed the amount authorized by the
- 2 donating staff member.
- 3 6. Any leave donated by a staff member which remains unused shall be returned to the
- 4 donor. To the extent administratively feasible, leave transferred by more than one staff
- 5 member shall be returned on pro-rata basis.
- 6 C. Leave shall be calculated on a day-donated and day-received basis.

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