Sparta Area School District

Article 339 – Bone Marrow or Organ Donor Leave Policy

Employees who have worked for the District for more than 52 consecutive weeks and worked at least 1,000 hours during the preceding 52 weeks are eligible for leave to be a bone marrow or organ donor. The employee may take up to six weeks of leave in a 12-month period for the purpose of serving as a bone marrow or organ donor if the employee provides the District with written certification that:

1. The donee has a serious health condition that necessitates a bone marrow or organ transplant;
2. The employee is eligible and has agreed to be a bone marrow or organ donor for the donee; and
3. The amount of time expected to be necessary for the employee to recover from the donation procedure.

The employee must give notice of the need for leave in a reasonable and practicable manner and must schedule the donation procedure so that it does not unduly disrupt the District’s operations, subject to the donee’s health care provider’s approval.

Leave under this policy is unpaid, but employees may substitute paid or unpaid time of any other type provided by the District and eligible to the employee. Employee benefits, including group health insurance coverage, will be maintained as they would be in the event of a leave under the Wisconsin Family and Medical Leave Act. Taking leave under this policy will not entitle an employee to a right, employment benefit, or position to which the employee would not have been entitled had he/she not taken the leave, including accrual of seniority. Employees returning from a leave under this policy will be returned to their position, if vacant. If their position is no longer vacant, they will be returned to a position having equivalent compensation, benefits, working shift, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment.

Legal Reference: Wisconsin Bone Marrow and Organ Donation Leave Law
Wis. Stats 103.11

Cross Reference:

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