# Administrative Procedure 439 Human Resources

## CONDOLENCES

### **BACKGROUND**

Condolences may be extended by the charter board to staff members and their families upon the death of a staff or family member. Condolences may also be extended to charter board members and students' families in the event of a death.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

### Family member:

A spouse, partner, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or parent of spouse or partner.

#### **PROCEDURES**

- 1. Condolences may be extended to current employees on the death of a family member, to students' families on the death of a student, and to charter board members on the death of a family member.
- 2. The superintendent shall co-ordinate the extension of condolences and, with the permission of deceased's significant other or designate, may notify staff.
- Employees are asked to advise the superintendent or human resources of the death of a student, a current or former employee, or the death of a family member of an employee, student, or charter board member.
- 4. In the event of the death of a current employee, student, charter board member, spouse, parent of a student, or child of a current employee or charter board member, the superintendent may send an appropriate acknowledgement, and the superintendent may attend the funeral where appropriate and when possible.
- 5. In the event of the death of a former employee or charter board member, the superintendent may, if notified, send an appropriate acknowledgement.
- 6. In the event of the death of a current employee, the human resources director may post condolences on SharePoint at the request of the immediate family. The superintendent shall provide the information to the charter board and provide a condolence message for the board chair at the next available board meeting.

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