



February 17, 2026

To whom it may concern,

My name is Leah Rossiter and I have been a speech-language pathologist in the district since August 2016. I currently serve on the Preschool Evaluation Team at the Edgewood Pre Kindergarten Academy.

On 12/13/2025 I welcomed my first child, a baby boy. Shortly thereafter, I began my maternity leave on 12/15/2025 under the CT Family Medical Leave Act. Currently, my final day of leave is scheduled for 3/17/2026. During this time, I have been fortunate enough to have long-term substitute coverage for my position. However, I am now requesting to extend my leave of absence through the remainder of the 2025-26 school year to continue to care for my son.

Up until today, I have been the primary caregiver for my son during the day. My husband works full-time in addition to serving in the Air National Guard. This past weekend we learned that his unit is expected to deploy in the very near future. His deployment would make me the full-time, primary caregiver for our son. As such, an extension to my leave of absence would allow me to provide the best care and stable environment for our son while navigating my husband's time away.

Sincerely,