

Browning Public Schools  
**Board Agenda Request**  
Meeting to Be Held: 1/14/2020



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**Recognition:**     Students                       Staff                       Parents  
**Information:**    Building Report             Old Business             Superintendent's Report  
**Action:**         Resignation                       Hiring                       Contract Service Agreements  
                     Travel Out-of-State             Travel In State             Approvals  
                     Termination                       Legal Matters             Other:  
                    This action request pertains to  Elementary (only)     High School/District Wide

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**Date:**        1/7/2020

**To:**            **Browning School Board**  
                    Members

**From:**        Corrina Guardipee-Hall ED.S.  
**Title:**        Superintendent

**Subject:**     **Request for leave of absence**

**Description:** Jessie Edward is requesting approval for a leave of absence for the remainder of the year.

**Financial Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source (Budget/grant, etc.):** N/A

**Attachment:** Letter

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Board Action:**    N/A (Info)     Approved     Denied     Tabled to: \_\_\_\_\_

December 6, 2019

Board of Trustees  
Browning Public Schools

Dear Board of Trustees,

I gave birth to my daughter on August 21<sup>st</sup>, and had been out on maternity leave during the first part of the school year. I returned to work on Monday, November 11th. My plan has always been to return to work, as I enjoy teaching and my family relies on this income. I returned to work because I thought I was ready but it quickly became apparent that I was really struggling with post-partum and mental health issues. After a few days back to work I realized it was extremely challenging for me in multiple ways and left me feeling physically, emotionally, and mentally exhausted. Experiencing these challenges caused me to feel a great deal of anxiety. Anxiety is something I've struggled with in the past, and has become an issue again. After that first week, I attended a doctor's appointment seeking help. After speaking with the doctor, I decided to reach out to John Salois and find out what my options are. I do not feel that I am my best self, which is not fair to my daughter or my students. John suggested that I take some time before making any decisions, which I have done. At this time, I am requesting a leave of absence for the remainder of the school year. This would allow me some time to heal, and get my mental health back to what it needs to be in order to give my best in my role as an educator. This has not been an easy decision, or one I have made in haste. Please consider my request.

Respectfully,  
Jessi Edward

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