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The Board recognizes the far-reaching impact that a student's or staff member's death may have on other students, staff, families, and the community as well as the importance of remembering deaths of students or staff, and recommends that memorials take an active form.

Some examples of memorials include a blood drive, partnering with local nonprofit organizations and related activities, and/or establishing a scholarship. As a courtesy, the family of the deceased student or staff member should also provide consent before the activity is held. The Board believes that the remembrance of a student or staff member whose life ended should be consistent from case to case, considerate of the grief process of family and friends, and in accordance with this policy.

Generally, the Board does not support permanent memorials including, but not limited to, the use of memorial plaques or markers which are mounted or displayed on District buildings or grounds. Memorials are permissible only after a proposal is approved by the  Board  District Administrator  ~~\_\_\_\_\_ [END OF OPTION].~~  The  District Administrator  ~~\_\_\_\_\_ [END OF OPTION]~~ shall inform the Board of all such approved permanent memorials. ~~[END OF OPTION]~~

When there is a death by suicide, it is important that the response to the death not serve as an incentive for self-inflicted acts by others. The American Association of Suicidology concludes that memorials contribute negatively to the contagion effect. Projects that are life-affirming are encouraged. Examples include volunteering, tutoring, fundraising for a charity, or community service.

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