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The Board supports staff members who choose to breast feed and/or express breast milk following the birth of a child. When any staff member, whether a professional staff member or support staff member has notified their supervisor of the staff member’s intent to express breast milk during the workday, the principal District Administrator ~~_____~~ **[End of Options]** shall make necessary arrangements to provide the following:

- A. An appropriate location that is suitable for expressing breast milk. The location must be shielded from view and not accessible during usage by any other person. The location provided may not be a bathroom.
- B. A reasonable amount of time to complete the activity based on an established schedule of frequency the staff member requires. The staff member is responsible for providing a schedule of frequency and for completing the process efficiently.

A participating employee must record time spent expressing breast milk at work which will be recorded as unpaid time, unless the employee also performs work related responsibilities during this time **[END OF OPTION]**. **[Drafting Note: the law does not require employers to pay employees during time provided to express breast milk unless it would otherwise pay an employee for the same amount of break time for other reasons. This applies to both exempt and non-exempt employees such that a Board may determine that it is easier to consider break time under this policy as compensable time]**. Any staff member who has given birth to a child and opts to express breast milk thereafter is entitled to the benefits of this policy.

Any staff member who has provided notice of the need to express breast milk at work and has complied with the responsibilities of doing so in this policy is eligible to do so for up to one (1) calendar year from the birth of the child.

No staff member who requires break time to express breastmilk consistent with this policy shall be subjected to retaliation or any form of adverse treatment for doing so.

Any staff member who feels they have been denied adequate protections or feels they have been retaliated against or otherwise treated unfairly as a result of availing themselves of the rights described in this policy shall report such concerns to the District Administrator. Any such report shall specify the alleged deficiency and desired resolution so that the District Administrator may provide an appropriate resolution, within ten (10) calendar days of the report.

The benefits described in this policy shall be administered concurrently with other benefits, such as Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) rights.

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