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## MEMORIALS

The Gibbon Public Schools shall provide family and friends opportunities to share their grief upon the death of a student or employee who was enrolled in or working at the Gibbon Public Schools at the time of his/her death. Such opportunities should be in accordance with the following guidelines.

## **Plaques With Brass Engraving Plates**

Gibbon Public Schools will display a plaque with brass engraving plates to recognize all individual students and school employees who have died. The top of the plaque will be engraved with the words, "In Memory". Individual plates will be engraved with the deceased person's legal name and dates of birth and death. Name plates in memory of deceased students will be removed after the deceased student's graduation year and offered to the student's family. Name plates in memory of deceased school employees will be removed after ten years and offered to the employee's family. The original plaque will include memorial plates for individuals who meet the criteria listed above and whose deaths occurred 0-10 years prior to the adoption of this policy. The Gibbon School Board and Administration will be responsible for carrying out the provisions of this policy.

## **Other Memorials**

Other memorials may be established if there is no cost to the school, if it is done with the consent of the deceased person's family, and if it is approved by the Gibbon School Board and Administration.

## **Removal of Memorials**

The memorial plaque or name plate will be offered to the family of the deceased. If the removal of a memorial would cause damage to the school property, it will remain in place.

The family of the deceased is encouraged to inform the school of any change of address so the school may return plaques, markers, and name plates to them as stipulated above.

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