

Braham Area Public Schools

Ind. School Dist. #314

Braham, MN 55006

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Reviewed: **September 20, 2021**

#101.2 - MEMORIAL POLICY

I. PURPOSE

Braham Area Public Schools recognizes that the loss of a member of the school community has a great impact on students, staff, and families. Further, the district recognizes that decisions made about memorials immediately after traumatic events may not take into full consideration the potential impacts to students, staff, and community members. The purpose of this policy is to assist staff, students and families impacted by a death by providing guidelines for decision-making regarding memorials and memorialization activities.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The mission of Braham Area Schools is to provide high quality positive lifelong learning to nurture each individual's unique potential, talent, and self worth through fostering a high level of community commitment, creating increased opportunities for learning, encouraging open communication, recognizing that education is a cooperative responsibility, and building meaningful relationships with all stakeholders. With the utmost respect towards all those who may be grieving, and with the intention to provide support as possible, it is the policy of the district that school buildings and grounds not be used for permanent memorials. ISD #314 suggests gifts and recognitions in memory of an individual be in the form of student scholarships or donations to the Braham Area Education Foundation in the name of the deceased.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. "Memorials" mean objects or activities meant to remember an event or deceased person(s).

IV. MEMORIAL GUIDELINES

This policy will guide decisions moving forward from the date of first adoption and will not impact previous memorials. Persons who have questions, comments or concerns should contact the Superintendent in the District Office.