## STRATFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY TITLE: MEMORIALS / DECEASED STUDENTS AND/OR STAFF

POLICY NUMBER: 1180

## **Community Relations**

## Memorials for Deceased Students and/or Staff Members

Recognizing that the loss of a member of the school community is deeply felt, schools will support staff, students and families who feel the loss, and will assist with connections to appropriate community resources. As places designed primarily to support learning, school sites should not serve as the main venue for the memorializing of students and/or staff.

Permanent memorials for deceased students or staff shall be limited in form to perpetual awards or scholarships.

Temporary school-wide memorials for deceased students or staff may include plaques or other displays that are returned to the family at the end of the school year. Memorial symbols displayed by individuals on campus shall be limited to the school year within which the death occurred.

The District reserves the right to establish design parameters so that a memorial blends with the architecture or setting of the facility, and/or blends with existing memorials.

## **Administrative Regulation:**

Memorial plaques or dedication plates placed in particular rooms or areas within a district school shall not be removed within twenty (20) years of placement except in the case of building demolition or decommission.

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