

**Sample Designation Letter to Employee - FMLA/OFLA Leave**

*The following is a sample cover letter to an employee notifying the employee that the employer is treating a request for leave as a request for FMLA and/or OFLA leave (either paid or unpaid) that will reduce the employee's FMLA and/or OFLA leave entitlement. This letter, along with the Designation Notice - FMLA/OFLA form GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(6) or the FMLA/OFLA Eligibility Notice form GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(4), should be mailed to the employee within five working days after receiving enough information to determine whether the leave qualifies under FMLA or OFLA.*

Dear Employee:

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) you advised the district that you were requesting a leave that may qualify for protected time under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and/or Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA). Under our policy, a leave of absence that qualifies for family and medical leave under federal law (FMLA) may run concurrently with other types of leave such as sick leave, vacation leave, short-term disability leave, OFLA and leave for a workers' compensation injury or illness. A leave of absence that qualifies for family and medical leave under state law (OFLA) may run concurrently with other types of leave such as sick leave, vacation leave, short-term disability leave but cannot run concurrently with a leave for a workers' compensation injury or illness (unless you refuse a light-duty assignment).

IF APPROVED: We have determined the purpose of your requested leave qualifies as family or medical leave under state and/or federal law. Accordingly, this letter is to notify you that the leave will be counted against your annual family and medical leave entitlement. Also attached is a form titled Designation Notice which contains other information for you regarding federal and state family medical leave rights, including an estimate of time that will count toward your protected time.

IF NOT APPROVED: We have determined the purpose of your requested leave does NOT qualify as family or medical leave under state and/or federal law. You may be entitled to other leave time, under Board policy or the collective bargaining agreement, however the protections of FMLA/OFLA will not be observed for this leave.

If you have any questions regarding your leave, now or at any time during your leave, please contact, the personnel office as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

Enclosure (FMLA and/or OFLA Designation Notice form)