1 **Great Falls School District** 2 3 **PERSONNEL** 5256 4 5 Reduction in Force 6 7 The Board has the exclusive authority to determine the appropriate number of employees. A 8 reduction of employees may occur as a result of, but not be limited to, changes in the education 9 program, staff realignment, changes in the size or nature of the student population, financial 10 situation considerations, or other reasons deemed relevant by the Board. 11 12 The Board shall follow the procedures stated in the current collective bargaining agreements 13 when considering a reduction in force. Generally, the reduction of employees will be done 14 through normal attrition if possible. The Board may terminate employees, if normal attrition does 15 not meet the required reduction in force. 16 17 For those staff members not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, the Board shall 18 consider the needs of the students, performance evaluations, staff needs, and other reasons 19 deemed relevant by the Board, in order to determine the order of dismissal if it reduces non-20 covered staff. 21 22 **Cross** Reference: 23 5250 NonRenewal of Employment - Dismissal of Employment 24 25 Legal Reference: § 20-4-206, MCA Notification of Non-tenure Teacher Reelection 26 27 § 39-2-912, MCA Exemptions (Wrongful Discharge) 28 29 Policy History: 30 Adopted on: July 1, 2000 Revised on: August 23, 2010 31 32 Revised on: August 20, 2018 33 Revised on: August 19, 2019 34