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LETTER TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Date

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that there will be a service dog in our school assisting one of our students.

This service dog is a highly trained companion for our student and is able to assist in many routine activities which may pose some challenges for this student. Service dogs are comparable to Guide Service Dogs and are included in every aspect of the student's life. The child's right to have a service dog is protected under Human Rights legislation.

There will be information sessions at the school to integrate the service dog into our daily routines and all students will be instructed as to the proper procedure regarding the service dog. They will be informed that the service dog is a working service dog and not a pet while at school.

We are sure that the service dog will be beneficial to the student and look forward to a lot of growth and learning together.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Principal

Cc: Superintendent, OSR, Classroom Teacher, Special Education Co-ordinator