

Sample Letter to the Families of Children in the Class(es)

(School Letterhead)

Date

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that there will be a Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal assisting one of the students in your child's class.

This Service Dog/Animal is a highly trained companion for the student and is able to assist in many routine activities which may pose some challenges for this student. Guide Dogs/Service Dogs/Service Animals are comparable to "Seeing Eye Dogs" and are included in every aspect of a student's life. The child's right to have a Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal is protected under the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

There will be information sessions at the school to integrate the Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal into our daily routines and all of our students and staff will be instructed as to the proper procedure around the Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal.

If you have any specific concerns regarding the presence of the Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal in your child's class, please contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Principal

cc: Superintendent of Education
Coordinator – Student Services
Classroom Teacher
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