

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 Service Dog in our school assisting one of our students, and this student and the service Dog will be part of your child's class.

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

There will be information sessions at the school to integrate the Service Dog into our daily routines and all of our students and staff will be instructed as to the proper procedure around the Service Dog. They will be informed that the Service Dog is a working Service Dog and not a pet while at school.

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

Sincerely,

Principal

Cc: Superintendent of School Effectiveness, OSR, Classroom Teacher, Special Education Coordinator