

SERVICE DOG/THERAPY DOG – PARENT LETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that there will be a Service Dog in our school assisting a member of our school community. This dog is a trained companion for the person and is in place to support many daily routines.

This certified Service Dog is highly trained and recognized by an accredited Canadian training facility. The individual's right to have a certified Service Dog is protected under Human Rights legislation and the *Education Act* and will be with its handler for most or all of the school day.

Information will be shared to help people become familiar with the presence of the Service Dog and how it will fit into daily school routines. All staff and students will be informed about proper procedures around the dog and will be alerted to its role and function as a certified working service dog providing support to a person.

We recognize the importance of the Service Dog to the individual and we look forward to this new addition to our school community. Your understanding is appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Sincerely,

Principal

Date