



SAMPLE LETTER TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN THE CLASSROOM

Date _____

Dear _____,

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 trained companion for a student and will be in your child's classroom effective _____ (date).

This certified service dog or therapy animal is highly trained and recognized by an accredited Canadian training facility. The student's right to have a certified service dog is protected under the Human Rights legislation and the Education Act and, therefore, can be with the handler in all aspect of his/her education. An upcoming information session for the parent(s)/guardian(s) will offer more information on how the service dog or therapy animal will be integrated into the school setting.

There will be an information assembly at the school to help students identify with the service dog and how it will fit into daily school routines. All students will be informed as to proper procedures around the animal because the animal is not a pet but a certified working service dog while at school.

We anticipate the service dog will be a benefit to the student's learning and we look forward to this new addition to our school community. Thank you for your understanding and support. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Sincerely,

Principal