

**Sample Letter to Families with Children in the Classroom and the School Community**

Date

Dear Parents:

This letter is to inform you that there will be a Certified Service Dog in our school assisting one of our students. The student's right to have a Certified Service Dog is protected under Human Rights legislation and the Education Act. The Service Dog can be with the student during all aspects of their education. This dog is a trained companion for the student and will be in the child's classroom effective (date).

This Service Dog has certification recognized by an accredited Canadian training facility. It is not just a pet. This dog is trained to be a working companion for the student and accompanies them at all times.

We will have an assembly at the school to provide information to help students understand how the Service Dog works with his handler and how it will fit into daily school routines. All students will be informed as to proper procedures and behavior around the dog.

In addition, we will host an evening information session for parents focused on how the dog will be integrated into the school setting.

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 me at the school office.

Sincerely,

Principal