

Sample Letter to Those Sharing Transportation

(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 that the student and the Service Dog will be sharing transportation with your child on a daily basis to and from school.

This Service Dog is a highly trained companion for our 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 Guide Service Dogs and are included in every aspect of the student's life. The child's right to have a Service Dog is protected under Human Rights legislation and the Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

There will be information sessions at the school to integrate the Service Dog into our daily routines and instruct students and staff as to the proper procedure around the Service Dog. They will be told 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 on your child's mode of transportation, please contact me at the school.

Thank you for your understanding, support, and interest.

Sincerely,

Principal

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