

Sample Letter to Those Sharing Transportation

(School Letterhead)

Date

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that there will be a Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal in our school assisting one of our students, and that the student and the Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal will be sharing transportation with your child on a daily basis.

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

There will be information sessions at the school to integrate the Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal into our daily routines and instruct students and staff as to the proper procedure around the Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal.

If you have any specific concerns regarding the presence of the Guide Dog/Service Dog/Service Animal 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 Education
Coordinator – Special Education
Classroom Teacher
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