



APPENDIX D2
PR ST: 28 Student Use of Guide Dogs
and Service Animals

SAMPLE LETTER
TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY
(Place on School Letterhead)

Date

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to advise that a Guide Dog / Service Dog / Service Animal will be attending [school] with a student in order to accommodate the student's needs pursuant to the *Human Rights Code*.

The Guide Dog / Service Dog / Service Animal is trained to provide service in a manner that does not disrupt the learning environment for others and is identifiable by its vest or harness.

An information session has been scheduled to take place following the school council meeting on [insert date]. A trainer from [insert] will be present to answer any questions that you might have about the training of Guide Dogs / Service Dogs / Service Animals.

An orientation session will be provided for all students, to explain the role of Guide Dogs / Service Dogs / Service Animals as working animals, not pets, and to identify how the Guide Dog / Service Dog / Service Animal will be integrated into our school community.

We respect the needs of all students in providing a safe and inclusive learning environment. Please let us know if you have any specific concerns regarding the presence of a Guide Dog / Service Dog / Service Animal in our school.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Sincerely,

Principal