



SAMPLE LETTER
TO THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS ON SCHOOL BUS
(Place on School Letterhead)

Date

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On [date] the school forwarded a letter home to all parents advising that a Guide Dog / Service Dog / Service Animal would be introduced to our school community.

This letter is to advise that a Guide Dog / Service Dog / Service Animal will be riding with a student to and from school to accommodate the student's needs pursuant to the *Human Rights Code* beginning [insert date].

The Guide Dog / Service Dog / Service Animal and student will be assigned a specific seating area on the bus, and the Guide Dog / Service Dog / Service Animal is trained not to be disruptive while riding on school transportation. It will be identifiable by its vest or harness.

Your child will be participating in an orientation session 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 services for education. Please let us know if you have any specific concerns regarding the presence of a Guide Dog / Service Dog / Service Animal on your child's bus.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Sincerely,

Principal