



GARRISON ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you that there will be a certified service dog in our school helping one of our students. The certified service dog will be in our school effective **September 10, 2019**.

Certified service dogs are trained and recognized by a recognized training facility and are able to assist with many of the routine activities, which pose challenges for some students. The student's right to have a certified service dog is protected under the Ontario Human Rights legislation and other laws, as listed in board guidelines.

There will be an information session for Parents/Guardians at the school on **September 24, 2019** to assist with your understanding of how the certified service dog will be integrated into the school. As well, a school-wide assembly will be held for all students during the first week of school to help them identify with the certified service dog and how it will fit into the daily routines of all students. They will be informed as to the proper procedure regarding the certified service dog and that the certified service dog is a 'working' certified service dog and not a pet while at school.

We anticipate the certified service dog being of benefit to the student's learning and we look forward to this new addition to our school and school community.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (905) 871-4830 or katie.racey@dsbn.org

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Racey", written over a white background.

K. Racey
Principal