

PINE RIDGE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This letter is to inform you that there will be a service animal in our school. This service animal assists in many of the routine activities which may pose accessibility challenges for the handler.

Service animals are included in every aspect of the handler's life. A person's right to have a service animal is protected under Human Rights legislation, and as such, the animal has the right to be with its handler wherever the handler goes (e.g. public buildings, transportation).

The service animal is a dog who will accompany the handler in her classes as well as transition with her between classes. Should you encounter the service animal while you are in our building we respectfully ask that you not interact with her as she is working to support her handler.

Information will be shared with all students here at the school as we integrate the service animal into our school day. All our students will be instructed as to proper routines regarding the service animal. They will be informed that the service animal is a working animal and not a pet while at school.

As always, we respect the rights of all our students in providing a safe learning environment here at Pine Ridge Secondary School.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

Jackie Leacock
Principal

Cc: Area Superintendent
Superintendent of Special Education
Special Education Officer
OSR (of handler)
Classroom Teachers
SERT

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