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Dear AMS Sixth Grade Families,

This letter is to inform you that there will be a Certified Service Dog in our school assisting one of our 6th grade students. The student's right to have a Certified Service Dog is protected under Human Rights Legislation and the Education Act. The Service Dog can be with the student during all aspects of their education. This dog is a trained companion for the student and will be in the child's classroom effective March 1, 2021.

This dog is trained to be a working companion for the student and accompanies them at all times. We will have a presentation for staff and students to provide information to help understand how the Service Dog works with his handler and how it will fit into daily school routines. Please notify the School Nurses if your student has allergic reactions to dogs.

All students will be informed as to proper procedures and behavior around the dog. We anticipate the Service Dog will be a benefit to the student's learning and we look forward to this new addition to our school community. Thank you for your understanding and support. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the school office.

Sincerely,

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