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ANIMALS ON DIVISION PREMISES

The Division assumes no obligation to provide opportunities for outside speakers or interest groups in its classroom activities. Animals may be permitted to be present on Division premises in connection with an organized and approved school or Division activity provided adequate precautions are taken to protect the health and safety of the animals, the students, and the Division employees at the site. Particular care should be taken to safeguard students with allergies or asthma.

Upon approval of the Principal, the teacher, in consultation with the Principal, bringing the animals into the classroom, is responsible for the proper control, housing and feeding of the animals. This means providing and keeping the animals in appropriate cages or containers.

Animals are permitted to be housed in a classroom for a specific and appropriate educational purpose and only for the time necessary to achieve the educational goal. Except for service dogs, staff, students and parents/caregivers may not bring animals onto school premises unless authorized by the Principal.

Service dogs may accompany students and staff and parents/caregivers at school as needed. The Division supports a collaborative approach to decision-making about issues that may arise in the accommodation of service dogs in schools.

Therapy dogs are permitted on school premises when requirements with Regulation IMG-R, 3 C. and D. have been met and approved by the school administrator.

Requests for a service animal in a school must be undertaken with adherence to the protocol provided in Regulation IMG-R for staff, students, and parent/caregivers, volunteers, and visitors.

Accomplish Anything

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