



MEMORANDUM

TO: Special Education Advisory Committee

FROM: Peter Symmonds, Superintendent of Learning Support Services

DATE: 15 March 2019

RE: **Updated Procedure PR.686.SCO Use of Service Animals For Students**

As per a request from the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) on 9 October 2019, please find attached Procedure PR.686.SCO Use of Service Animals For Students.

The updated procedure brings the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board in compliance with the Policy/Program Memorandum No. 163 School Board Policies on Service Animals:

Please note that on 28 January 2020, Board passed Minor Revision to Policy P.121.GOV Accessibility including the following amendment:

THAT a new section be added as section 4.4 as follows:

No a priori distinctions between categories of services animals shall be made and each request to allow for support by a service animal shall be considered objectively with respect to safety, manageability, and need, taking full account of documented professional rationale and prescription in critical support of either well-being or learning.

Staff are currently reviewing the procedure to determine if any further changes are required.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Peter Symmonds at peter.symmonds@ocdsb.ca

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