



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES January 28, 2020

Deb Crawford, Director of Education

SUBJECT: Policy Approval – Sec. C Policy – Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals

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BACKGROUND:

On September 9, 2019 the Ministry of Education released Policy Program Memorandum 163, *School Board Policies on Service Animals* (PPM 163). PPM 163 requires that school boards implement a policy for the regulation of students' use of service animals while attending school and school-related events.

All school boards in Ontario are required to implement and maintain a policy on student use of service animals in schools

School boards have authority to regulate the provision of accommodations to meet the disability-related needs of students while attending school.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Policy Approval – Sec. C Policy – Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals*

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve *Sec. C Policy – Student Use of Guide Dogs and Service Animals*, **effective January 28, 2020.**