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Therapy Dogs in Public Schools

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Request to Use Therapy Dog(s) in School**

Policy 625P, Community Relations-Therapy Dogs in Public Schools governs the use of therapy dogs in all Frederick County Public Schools. The request shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools (or Designee) for approval each school year and/or whenever the handler wishes to use a therapy dog that has not previously been approved.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Handler Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Handler Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Handler Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Therapy Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

School where the dog will be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe, in detail, what the dog will do at the school: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please attach the following to the request form:

- Proof of registration as a therapy dog handler with the individual therapy dog(s) to be used (Note: Such registration shall be from an organization that requires an evaluation of the therapy dog and handler prior to registration)
- Proof from a licensed veterinarian that the therapy dog is in good health and has been immunized against diseases common to dogs. Such vaccinations shall be kept current and up-to-date at all times.
- Proof of licensure from the local dog licensing authority.
- Copy of an insurance policy that provides liability coverage for the work of the handler and therapy dog(s) while on school district property.

Handler's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Copy: Director of Student Support Services

**Adopted:** February 5, 2019