



# WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

This letter is to inform you that we will be welcoming a new member to our school community. We anticipate that on or about October 3, 2018, there will be a service dog at Watertown High School assisting one of our students. Importantly, the purpose of service dogs is to perform work or tasks for their handler. Therefore, students, and those visiting the school or school activities, should not play with, pet, or otherwise interact with service dogs so that those dogs can do their important jobs. In addition, service dogs may not have any specific indicators identifying them as a service dog, so students and visitors should assume that any dog in the school is working, and therefore unavailable for interactions with others, unless informed otherwise. At Watertown High School, we will be teaching students the expectations surrounding service dogs, including that service dogs are present at school to “work” and not as pets. In addition, we will not tolerate any teasing of the student or service dog and anyone who engages in such inappropriate behavior will be subject to discipline.

We look forward to this new addition to our school community. Thank you for your understanding and support. Please contact our school nursing office if your child has any allergies to dogs or other health concerns or fear of dogs even if you have provided this information to the health office or someone else in the school in the past, as we want to address any concerns or needed accommodations. Also, please feel free to contact me with any questions at (860) 945-4810 or at [parlatoja@watertownps.org](mailto:parlatoja@watertownps.org).

Sincerely yours,

***Janet Parlato***

Janet Parlato, Ed.D.  
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***Watertown High School is creating a rigorous and accepting place of learning for all students.***

***We believe that our students will leave us better prepared for any success or challenge.***

