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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
FROM: Hershel Lyons
DATE: May 15, 2015

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SUBJECT: Updated Guidelines for the Use of Service Animals by Students with Disabilities, 2015

The Florida Department of Education is pleased to provide the attached updated guidance for the use of service animals by students with disabilities. The document outlines required components for local school boards to consider in order to modify local policy, practices and procedures pertaining to requests for a service animal to accompany the student to school.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Dianne Mennitt, school nurse consultant, at 850-245-7851 or Dianne.Mennitt@fldoe.org.

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Attachment

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