

School Therapy Dog Parent Permission Form

Dear LJSD Families,

LJSD will be welcoming a school therapy dog as part of the school community. Students may be in contact with a therapy dog, throughout the school year, under the supervision of **Staff Name**. The therapy dog has received and is up to date on all necessary vaccinations and certifications.

Therapy dogs provide many benefits. They help children learn compassion, empathy, responsibility, respect, and self-discipline. Therapy dogs offer comfort and non-judgmental love. Studies have proven that even a short amount of time with a dog can decrease levels of anxiety and increase emotional security.

You must sign and return this letter instructing whether your child is allowed to interact with the therapy dog or if you prefer for your child not be allowed to interact with the therapy dog. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Please complete this form, sign, & return it to your student's teacher.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Teacher Name _____

____ Yes, my child does have permission to be in contact with the school therapy dog for the 2022-2023 school year.

____ No, my child does not have permission to be in contact with the school therapy dog for the 2022-2023 school year.

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____ Date _____