West Irondequoit Central School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

We are excited to introduce you to Juno, Dake's Therapy Dog! Juno is an 8-year-old chocolate lab mix. She is a certified therapy dog through RocDog and has worked at Dake for 3 years. Ms. Hess, one of our school counselors at Dake, adopted Juno from Joyful Rescues in 2017 when she was 4 months old. Ms. Hess started working with Juno to become a therapy dog when Ms. Graham and our former therapy dog, Nellie, retired.

Juno is trained to provide comfort and support to students, as well as to assist with the overall positive climate of the school. Research has shown that therapy dogs provide social, emotional, and academic benefits to students in many ways. We are excited to have Juno as a part of our social emotional support team here at Dake!

If you do **NOT** feel comfortable with your student interacting with Juno, or if your student is allergic to dogs and you do not want them in close proximity to Juno for this reason, please sign this form and have your child return it to the main office **by 9/26/2025**. If you do not return this opt-out form, we will assume that we have consent for your student to interact with Juno under Jessica Hess's supervision as her handler.

Please feel free to contact Jessica Hess, School Counselor or Tim Baker, Principal if you have any questions or concerns. Juno cannot wait to spend time with all the wonderful students, faculty, and staff at our school!

Sincerely,

Tim Baker
Principal

Jessica Hess
School Counselor

THERAPY DOG OPT-OUT FORM

I, _____, do **NOT** give permission for my child,

_____, to interact with the certified therapy dog at school.
First/last name of student

Reason (optional): _____

Signature_____ Date_____

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