

Therapy Dogs

In the Ogdensburg City School District

Proposal:

Although therapy animals in schools may cause safety concerns, sanitary issues, and potential distractions, therapy dogs offer emotional and educational support to help students to learn in the classroom and build community; therefore the Ogdensburg City School District should institute a policy to train and implement the use of therapy dogs in buildings.

Speaking Order:

1. Myah Myers
2. Ella O'Neil
3. Alondra Maldonado-Espinosa
4. Abby Ashley
5. Luci Worden
6. Jaedyn Awan
7. Quinn Crosson
8. Gabe Clark
9. Dylan Irvine

Stakeholder Input:

Would you want a therapy dog in school?

316 Total Responses

94.6% Yes

5.4% No

Proposed number of animals

3-4 in district

Staff Interest as a Handler

18-20 Interested

“Because dogs bring joy that you didn’t know you needed that day they don’t see you any different they just love people and attention and for some people that’s just what they need especially if there having a bad day. In the book, Wonder, the main character Auggie was bullied every day because of his look but every day he would come home and his dog would be there and would not treat him any different his dog was his shoulder to cry on.”

--OFA Senior