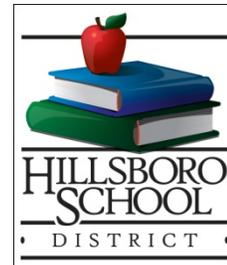


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Media Advisory

Trial Period for Autism Service Dog will Begin April 25

Media invited to Patterson Elementary School between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m.

April 22, 2011, Hillsboro, Ore. – The Hillsboro School District will begin its trial period for Madison, the service dog of Jordan Givens, a fourth-grade student with Autism, at Patterson Elementary School on Monday, April 25.

Madison was slowly introduced to the school environment and to Jordan's special education classroom Thursday and Friday, April 21 and 22. The week of April 25, Madison will be present in Jordan's class in the afternoons, with time being added gradually until the week of May 9, when he will be present for full days. Madison will be accompanied by an adult handler at all times while on school grounds.

Acknowledging the media interest in this case but balancing that with both student privacy concerns and a desire to minimize disruption to the learning environment, interested media representatives are asked to come to Patterson at a common time: Monday, April 25, noon to 12:30 p.m. Please park large news vehicles on Lenox Street and walk to the covered entry at the front of the school. District Communications Director Beth Graser will meet and hold you there until approximately 12:10 p.m., at which time morning kindergarten students will have vacated the building and boarded their buses. You will then be allowed access to the main hallway where you can set up cameras to get a shot of Madison's arrival through the front doors at approximately 12:15 p.m. Jordan's mother, Wendy Givens, along with Patterson's Principal, Jonathan Pahukula, and the District's Executive Director of Special Programs, Scott Schinderle, will be available for brief questions. We then ask that media exit the building and get any necessary B-roll footage from the sidewalk.

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