

Bloomfield's Blueprint

*Returning to teaching &
learning for the 2020-2021
school year*



March 11, 2021



Part Four

Therapy Dog Pilot Program



What does the *research* say?

Physical – interaction with a furry friend reduces blood pressure, provides tactile stimulation, assists with pain management, gives motivation to move, walk and stimulates the senses

Social – a visit with a dog provides a positive mutual topic for discussion, promotes greater self-esteem and well-being, and focused interaction with others

Cognitive – companionship with a dog stimulates memory, problem solving and game playing

Emotional – an adorable four-legged visitor improves self-esteem, acceptance from others, and lifts mood often provoking laughter

Environmental – a dog in a facility decreases the feeling of a sterile environment, lifts mood and this continues after visit

(Data adapted from the Australian Companion Animal Council)



What will this cost?

Nothing

Several Local School Districts with *Established Programs*

- Brighton
- Walled Lake
- Troy
- Rochester
- Clarkston

Districts with developing programs

- Novi



What does the dog's day look like?



*Declan is a Therapy
Dog in Brighton
schools*

- A schedule is created for the entire month
- One hour every day in the media center for reading
- One hour every day in PE for exercise
- One hour of prep :)
- Rest of the time with classes
- The therapy dog does not work for treats and will not be in the cafeteria.



END OF SECTION

DISCUSSION