

Dear MES Families,

Mason Elementary School is happy to have Willow the comfort dog back again for the 2025-2026 school year! Last year she was able to comfort so many students and staff!

Willow belongs to Miss Heidi and she has been busy this summer continuing to train with her weekly. She has received her AKC CGC (canine good citizen) certification, her AKC Trick Dog 1 Novice certification and her AKC Trick Dog 2 certification. Willow is a 3 year old golden retriever that is fully vaccinated, licensed, and AKC registered. We are so thankful to Miss Heidi for being willing to make Willow available for our students and staff.

Willow will be available to those children that have permission to access her when they are having a tough time or just need a quick break. Willow will be closely supervised by Miss Heidi at all times and will move around the building with Miss Heidi.

Attached you will find a permission slip that needs to be returned to the school before your child can have access to Willow. We also would like to know if your child has any allergies or aversions to dogs. Please reach out with any questions or concerns you may have and return the permission slip via email kkivela@sau89.org or in person on the first day of school.

Kristen Kivela



Permission Slip Comfort

Dog 2025-2026 SY

I _____ am the parent or legal guardian of
_____ and give permission for my child to have
direct interactions with Willow, the comfort dog.

Any known allergies or aversions to animals my child may have:

Parent/Guardian's Name (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____