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School Vision Screening Information Letter

Date: November 2021

To: Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of All Preschool Students

Vision screenings will begin on **November 22, 2021**. Vision screenings will be administered to all children in preschool, kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh grade as required by state law. Why is it important to have your child's vision screened? Young children with vision problems do not know the way that they see the world is not the way they should be seeing it! Without early detection and treatment, children's vision problems can lead to permanent vision loss and learning difficulties. Vision screening will consist of one or more of the following: 1. Distance visual acuity - ability to see objects far away 2. Binocular vision - how well your child's eyes work together 3. Color vision - ability to see colors 4. Near visual acuity - ability to see objects up close. How will the results be shared? If your child passes the vision screening, you may receive a letter from your school nurse with the results. You are welcome to contact the nurse or other medical personnel to learn the screening findings. If your child does not pass the vision screening, the school nurse or other medical personnel will send a letter to share the results and may make a recommendation for further evaluation by an eye care specialist. If you have any questions about the school vision screening program, please call the school nurse or other medical personnel. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the vision screening, please complete the enclosed waiver and return to school at least 2 weeks prior to screening date.

Sincerely,

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