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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Hearing and vision screenings for children in Michigan are mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code (Act 368 of 1978) and are provided to all children at no charge through local public health departments.

All preschool children, ages 3-5 years; all children entering kindergarten; and all school-age children in grades K, 2, and 4 (hearing), and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 (vision) are screened by technicians trained by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Screenings are conducted in preschools, Head Start Centers, day cares, schools, and by appointment at the Jackson County Health Department. Following the initial screening, a rescreen will be conducted prior to referral, when needed.

If your child does not pass the screening and requires further attention, technicians will notify you by letter (sent home in your child's backpack or by mail). If we do not receive a response, technicians will follow up with a text message. Screening results are also shared with the school and documented in your child's school record unless you request otherwise. If you do not want your child to participate in one or both screenings, please notify the school office immediately. State regulations require that all refusal requests be submitted in writing each year.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Hearing

If your child has a digitally programmable shunt or other implanted medical device, you need to inform the school office so that the information can be shared with the technician. The headphones on our audiometers could affect the pressure settings of these devices. These screenings help us ensure children can hear well, which is essential for learning and development. Please note that these screenings are not meant to replace regular well-child visits with a medical provider

Vision

If your child has glasses or contacts, please ensure they wear them for the screening. Our goal is to support every child's success in school and lifelong learning by helping ensure they can see clearly. Please note that these screenings are not a substitute for comprehensive eye exams conducted by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

We appreciate your support in making sure your child is ready to learn and grow. Working together, we can help every child see, hear, and succeed both in the classroom and in life.

If you have questions regarding our screenings, please contact our office.

Thank You,

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Working together to create and promote a healthy community through disease prevention and control, health education, environmental protection, and emergency preparedness.