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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As required by the Ohio Department of Health, vision and hearing screenings will be administered in the weeks ahead. These tests will be administered to all new traditional and hybrid students. Also, all traditional and hybrid students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 9.

7<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to receive vision test only. Traditional and hybrid 7<sup>th</sup> graders will receive this test at school. All online only students will receive a waiver, which provides multiple options for screenings.

Why are these screenings important? Vision and hearing are important for speech, language development, reading, and learning. If a student has a deficit in vision or hearing, he/she may appear uninterested or as though they are not paying attention in class. These screenings will tell us if your child is in need of further testing with a specialist. Even if your child has passed a vision or hearing screening in the past, it is important to continue to screen them to identify any new concerns as they could be related to a medical condition.

The screening process for vision and hearing are painless, quick, and effective tools to gauge whether a student needs further evaluation by a specialist. Since this is a screening process, we will utilize an audiometer to screen your student's hearing acuity (according to the recommendations of the Ohio Department of Health). The vision screening will consist of the following:

- Observation
- Monocular Distance Visual Acuity
- Ocular Muscle Balance test (First Grade)
- Stereopsis test (Kindergarten)
- Color Deficit Test (Males only in Kindergarten or First Grade)

If your child passes the vision and hearing screenings, you will not be contacted by the building nurse. If your child fails any part of the screening, a rescreen will be conducted and/or referral will be recommended.

Please note that these screenings only provide a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the test was administered. This test is not a substitute for a complete evaluation by an optometrist/ophthalmologist or an audiologist. If you have any questions, please contact your school health clinic.