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Pre-Screening Information Letter for Parents

[School Letterhead]

To: Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Hearing, vision, and postural/gait screenings will be conducted by school nurses to students, as required by Delaware state regulations.

Why is screening important?

Hearing - The ability to communicate effectively impacts the well-being of a child, in terms of education, physical and social development. Early identification and intervention of hearing loss is critical in supporting speech/language development and full participation in the learning process. Even mild hearing losses may be educationally and medically significant.

Vision - Vision problems are common amongst school aged children and adolescents. If vision problems are not detected and treated early, they can lead to permanent vision loss and learning difficulties. When a child has an undiagnosed vision problem, it makes it much harder for them to succeed in school, sports, social situations, and in life.

Postural & Gait- For more than 30 years, Delaware students in grades 5 through 9 have been screened annually to detect orthopedic problems such as scoliosis. Scoliosis is a curvature of the spine. This thirty-second screening may result in early detection and treatment, consequently avoiding surgical correction.

How will the results be shared?

- If your child passes the screening, you will **not** be notified by your school nurse. You are welcome to contact the nurse to learn the screening findings.
- If your child does not pass the screening, the school nurse will contact you to share the results and may make a recommendation for further evaluation by a specialist.

School screening provides only a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the screening was administered and is not a substitute for a complete exam.

If you have any questions about the school screening programs, please contact the school nurse.

School Nurse

Phone/Fax/Email