

August 11, 2008

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In accordance with the state requirements of our Coordinated School Health initiative, we will once again be conducting school health screenings. This includes regular screenings for grades K, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 and could also include a recommended screening, regardless of the child's grade. (Example - the teacher has a concern that a student is having trouble seeing the board.)

Confidentiality is our number one priority when screening your child. Unless it is part of your child's class curriculum (i.e. – measuring height and weight in high school Lifetime Wellness), not even your child will know the results of his or her screening.

Our school system views screenings as an important service we provide our students. With that in mind, the student **will be screened UNLESS** the parent returns this letter to the school nurse with the proper signature and the appropriate boxes checked by August 22, 2008.

I do not want my child being screened (check the appropriate boxes) for:

Blood Pressure     Height-Weight (BMI)     Hearing     Vision

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For those students who are screened, parents will be notified by letter if your child scores outside a recommended screening range. Then each parent can decide what, if any, information is shared with his or her child. Please remember that screenings are only a tool, since there can be valid reasons a child scores outside the recommended range and not be related to a health concern. Screenings simply provide a general piece of information for the parent to determine whether or not there is a need for any follow-up questions and/or appropriate actions.

In review:

- If the school has your permission to screen your child, no action on your part is required and this letter does **NOT** have to be returned to your school.
- If there are screenings that you do not want your child involved in, check the appropriate boxes, sign, date and return this letter to the school nurse.

We look forward to a great 2008-09 school year!

Sincerely,

School Principal