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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Every year the School Health Vision Program conducts vision screenings in your school for children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade. We check to make sure that your child can see well out of each eye.

If your child fails the vision screening:

- We will send you the E12S Eye Report and Recommendation form.*
- Please take your child and the form to an eye doctor.
- If the doctor decides your child needs treatment, have them fill out the form.
- Return the completed form to us in the envelope provided, so we know your child has had an eye exam.

It is important that your child visit an eye doctor every year. If your child has a serious vision condition, treatment may prevent lifelong vision problems. **About 1 in 30 children has a condition called amblyopia (lazy eye). If amblyopia is not treated by age 8 or 9, it can cause serious vision loss or even blindness in one eye.**

If your child fails the vision screening, please follow the above instructions. Children who get treatment for vision problems have a better chance of doing well in school than those who do not get treatment.

Protect your child's eyesight and give them a better chance for a bright future!

Sincerely,

Roger Platt, MD
Assistant Commissioner and
Director
Office of School Health



* To access the form online, visit schools.nyc.gov and search for "eye report form."