Dear Parents/Guardians:

As per the State of Utah statute for vision screening in public schools, students in Pre-School, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades will receive a basic Vision Screening test. This is done in a mass vision screening at the school. Screenings for all other grades may also be done if a parent or teacher has a vision concern. However, it is required that the parent or the teacher complete the State of Utah Vision Symptoms Questionnaire form. This form is available at your school’s office.

Before screening is conducted, state law requires parents be informed that the school VISION SCREENING IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR AN EYE EXAMINATION BY AN EYE CARE SPECIALIST.

Vision screenings may take place at any time during the school year. Several methods for vision screenings are state approved and available for student screening. One of the following two methods will be used to screen your child: Distance/Near Vision Charts and/or Digital Flashing Lights Photo Screening. If your student has seizures that are triggered by flashing lights please follow the information below for opting out of the vision screening. School screenings are coordinated by the District Nurses who will use trained parent volunteers and school staff to assist.

You will receive a referral letter if your child fails the screening. However, even if your child passes, it is important that your child see any eye care specialist once a year. School vision screenings do not evaluate eye health and cannot uncover important vision problems or prescribe treatment. Vision referral information, on children age 8 and under, will be reported to the Utah State Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired as stated in Utah Law 53A-11-203.

Because academic learning is 80% visual, and visual problems are best detected and treated early, a comprehensive eye and vision examination is recommended. Healthy eyes and good vision are essential for success in school.

Please return the attached form to your child’s school if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the screening program.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to assist with vision screenings, please contact the District Nurse Office at 752-3925, your school’s Health Coordinator Volunteer, or your school’s Principal.

Sincerely,

CCSD Nurses