

Draft Letter for Students Who Have Missed or Will Miss a Vision or Hearing Screening:

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Due to challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, your child has not gotten a vision or hearing screening. Vision and hearing problems can affect a child's wellbeing and their ability to learn.

The Department of State Health Services encourages you to take your child(ren) to a medical provider for well-child exams. During these appointments ask for vision and hearing screenings. If your provider screens your child, please provide us results (pass or fail) for our records.

Signs of vision problems include:

- Squinting,
- Tilting the head,
- Sitting too close to the television,
- Rubbing eyes constantly, and
- Moving eyes in abnormal alignment.

Signs of hearing problems include:

- Your child wants volumes louder than other members of the family
- Your child often says "What?"
- It seems like your child isn't listening
- Your child seems to hear fine sometimes and not others

If you think your child has a vision or hearing problem, contact your school nurse. Discuss your concerns with them right away.

Sincerely,