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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been referred to The Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program as he/she did not pass their school vision screening. This program offers comprehensive eye exams and glasses if necessary, for Florida public school students, in your county, who qualify to participate. This program is available <u>**at no cost**</u> to you or your child's school.

Qualifying Students are those who;

- 1. Are a Florida public school student
- 2. Failed their school based vision screening twice
- 3. Are Enrolled in the free or reduced school lunch program
- 4. Have no eye vision insurance.

If found ineligible due to having vision insurance;

You will be provided with the name of your insurance.

If your child is able to participate after verification,

We will send you a form through your child's school with the name, address and phone number of a participating doctor, for you to call and schedule an appointment. The doctor will also receive the same form and consent form.

The comprehensive eye exam, administered by an optometrist, includes a thorough examination of your child's vision, visual system and eye health. In order to perform the examination, the use of eye drops to dilate the pupils is used, which allows the doctor to get the most accurate eye health information and prescription for eye glasses should they benefit your child. The drops are safe to use, and adverse reactions are extremely rare. Light sensitivity and blurry near vision are normal for up to 4-6 hours following the exam.

For your child to participate,

Please fill out the attached form completely, sign at the bottom and have your child bring the form back to the school nurse or counselor as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please contact your child's school Nurse/Counselor or the Florida Heiken Children's Vision Program directly at 305-856-9830 or 1-888-996-9840

If your child is found to be eligible, the exam and glasses if needed ** is at <u>NO COST</u> to you**