

October 22, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Each year vision and hearing screenings are conducted in the Bismarck schools. This letter is to inform you that screenings will be starting again this fall. Screenings occur in the following areas and grades.

- 1) Vision: BECEP, Kindergarten, Grade 3, and Grade 5. The PlusOptix will be used again this year. The PlusOptix is similar to the simplicity and speed of a digital camera. Both eyes are screened simultaneously in less than one second. Refraction, pupil size, and corneal reflexes are measured and compared to age-based referral criteria automatically. Parents will receive the results of the vision screening.

Your child will not be screened by the vision screening team if he/she is wearing glasses at the time of the screening. It is assumed your child is currently being monitored by an Eye Care Specialist.

If you wish to have your child excluded from vision screening, please notify your child's principal.

- 2) Hearing Acuity Screening (ability to hear): BECEP, Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2. Results (pass or refer) will be sent home with your child subsequent to the screening. If your child's screening results indicate a "refer," we encourage you to follow up with your primary care physician.

Your child will not be screened by the hearing screening team if he/she is wearing hearing aides at the time of the screening. It is assumed your child is currently being monitored by an Audiologist.

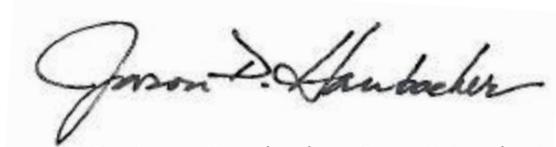
If you wish to have your child excluded from hearing screening, please notify your child's principal.

- 3) Oral Health Screening: Kindergarten through Grade 5. This screening looks at overall oral health care including teeth and gums. The school nurse will follow up with the parent/guardian for concerns only.

During the school year, a teacher or you as a parent may also ask for a vision, hearing, or oral health care screening if your child is not in the grades listed above. If you would like to refer your child for one of these screenings, please contact your school.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's participation in these screenings, please contact the principal at your child's school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason D. Hornbacher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'H'.

Dr. Jason Hornbacher, Superintendent  
Bismarck Public Schools