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Bernard C. "Jack" Young, Mayor
Letitia Dzirasa, M.D., Commissioner of Health

INFORMATION LETTER FOR HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

Dear Parent or Guardian:

During the school year, the Baltimore City Health Department Bureau of School Health, in coordination with the Baltimore City Public School System, will offer hearing and vision screenings for your child.

Hearing and vision screenings are required by Maryland State Law. Your child must receive these screenings, unless, for religious reasons, you object in writing. These screenings are done by trained School Health Staff.

If your child does not pass the initial hearing screen, a second hearing screen may be performed by a school-based audiologist. If the results of the second hearing screen indicate that your child may have a hearing problem, a letter will be sent from your child's school recommending that you take your child to a healthcare provider or clinic for a complete hearing evaluation.

If your child does not pass the vision screen, a letter will be sent from your child's school recommending that you take your child for a complete vision evaluation.

A child with an undetected or untreated hearing or vision problem may fall behind in learning and socialization. Adequate hearing and vision are very important for your child's school performance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call your school nurse or the Hearing and Vision Screening Coordinator at 410.396.8615. If you need information about the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program, please contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Francine J. Childs".

Francine J. Childs
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of School Health

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