



# LETTER OF NOTICE FOR FREE VISION SCREENING



**At Theresa C. Wildcat Early Learning Centre on October 29, 2024**

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Healthy vision is vital to a child’s academic success and development.
- More than 80% of what a child learns in school comes through vision.
- As many as 1 in 4 may need help to see clearly.
- Children often don’t know that they aren’t seeing well, as they have never experienced good vision and don’t know what it looks like. For this reason, taking care of children’s vision is one of the most important things you can do to help them do well in school.

As part of a partnership between Maskwacis Education Schools Commission, Operation Eyesight and Onesight Essilor Luxottica a **free vision screening clinic is being offered to all MESC students from kindergarten to grade six**

Vision screening involves a series of short, non-invasive tests to help find out if a child may be having difficulty with their vision or suffering from an eye problem. These tests look at things like:

- whether the child is seeing well far away,
- whether the child can recognize differences in colors, and,
- whether both of the child's eyes are working together to focus

Vision screening is a preliminary test conducted by MESC employees and may include parent/elder volunteers, and **does NOT replace a more thorough, comprehensive eye exams with an optometrist, who is an eye doctor.** It is recommended that children have regular eye exams to determine the health of their eyes.

Following the screening clinic, a letter explaining the results will be sent home with your child. **If the screening identifies the need for your child to see an eye doctor, instructions on how to access follow-up care will be outlined and a consent form may be required to participate in a full eye exam in April/May 2025.**

Vision screenings are scheduled for October 29, 2024 at the school. We encourage you to please take advantage of the service. If, however, you do not want your child to participate in the vision program, please let your awasisak’s teacher know by returning the slip below.

If you have questions, please contact the school at 780-585-3788.

Sincerely,

Charlene Ketchemonia

Principal of Theresa C. Wildcat Early Learning Centre



I \_\_\_\_\_ do NOT want my awasisak \_\_\_\_\_ to partake in the vision screening process at his/her school. Please provide an alternate activity for the time in which my awasisak’s class will be participating.