



# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WESTFIELD

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that your area Lions/Lioness club members are continuing free vision screenings in our school district with the use of the Spot Vision Screener (Welch Allyn camera). They will be screening all students 4K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Regular vision screening is important and the American Academy of Ophthalmology suggests “that during childhood, babies up to age 2 should have vision screenings during regular pediatric visits, and screening every one to two years for ages 3 to 19.”

To effectively address vision issues in children, SPOT camera, an automated vision screening technology, has been developed. SPOT takes a picture from 3 feet away and provides a printed summary of the vision screening.

Automated screening does not replace a complete and comprehensive eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, nor can it detect all eye diseases or conditions.

The screening will determine if your child requires immediate attention from a vision care specialist.

SPOT camera can quickly detect the most common treatable vision conditions in children such as:

- 1) Refractive errors (nearsightedness, farsightedness, unequal power, and astigmatism)
- 2) Amblyopia (lazy eye)
- 3) Strabismus (crossed eyes)
- 4) Comparative analysis for unequal refractive power – anisometropia
- 5) Unequal pupil size – anisocoria

We will send a letter home with your child when the screening occurs. The letter will indicate if your child has out-of-range results and should follow up with an optometrist for a comprehensive eye exam.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school nurse at 608-296-2141 ext 1014.