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To: Non-Public MSDE Approved Pre-School Programs
         Non-Public MSDE Approved Schools

From: Judy D. Churn, RN
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Re: Hearing and Vision Screening for Students

COMAR regulations state that each county Health Department shall provide and fund Hearing and Vision screenings for all students in any private school that has received a Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Certificate of
Approval under Education Article, #2-206, Annotated Code of Maryland. This also includes students in any non-public educational facility approved by MSDE as a Special Education Facility. This law, enacted October 1, 2008, mandates the grades in which students are screened:

> *Unless evidence is presented that a student has been tested within the past year, these screenings shall be given in the years that a student enters the school system, enters the first grade, and enters the eighth grade or ninth grade…*

Each school will be asked to identify the students to be screened according to the following criteria:

1) Students who are entering the school system (PreK 3yrs or 4 yrs, or Kindergarten)
2) Students who are entering the First Grade
3) Students who are entering the Eighth or Ninth Grade

Children need only to be screened one time during each of these three time periods.

The attached Permission Form states that this is a basic screening—for children followed by eye care professionals and/or hearing specialists, parents may decide that this screening is not necessary. Screening will be by appointment only on selected days in May and June 2022 in Havre de Grace.

Please refer all interested parents to the Permission Form for details regarding scheduling appointments.

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