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### Screening Information Letter

Parents & Guardians:

In accordance with Ohio Law, all students entering kindergarten or first grade for the first time will receive hearing & vision screening. Graham Elementary and Middle School will conduct screenings for each student in the fall/winter.

#### *Why is it important to have your child's hearing screened?*

- Hearing is important for speech, language development, reading and learning
- A hearing screening can detect if your child needs further hearing testing.
- Even if your child has passed a hearing screening previously, their hearing can change.
- Hearing problems can be related to medical problems.
- Hearing loss is invisible and the child may appear to be not paying attention. Hearing screening will consist of the following test:
  - o Audiometry - Screening of hearing acuity.

#### *Why is it important to have your child's vision screened?*

To identify if your child has vision problems or might be at risk for vision problems. Vision screening will consist of any of the following tests:

1. Observation.
2. Monocular Distance Visual Acuity.
3. Stereopsis test.
4. Color Deficiency test (males only).

A vision screening provides only a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the test was administered and is not a substitute for a complete eye exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

If you do not wish to have your child screened, please send a signed written statement to the effect that you do not wish to have your child screened.

You will only receive results if your child did not pass the screening and needs a more in-depth exam by a specialist.

Please direct any questions to the school's front office at 614-253-4000.

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