Hi from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club: I know “things” are hectic and you are very busy. Due to Covid-19, our normal KidSight program was put on hold last fall.  However, if you expect to have one or more children with a potential eyesight problem or wish to screen eyesight more broadly, we can still help. **We are developing and will offer an eyesight screening equipment-lending program**. Briefly, here is how the program would work.

* School nurse/administrator calls or emails to request/set up one or more potential date(s).
* A Lions Club member, experienced in leading screening events, would get in touch with you to confirm a date(s), offer remote instruction and support.
* We would deliver a sanitized Spot Screener, a thumb drive, simple screening instructions, and pre-printed letters to you outside your school. (Lions Club members would not enter the school.)
* Through Zoom or by phone, prior to your screening, we would consult with you about key points/how to handle specific issues, such as screening children with eyeglasses.
* You, as School Nurse/Administrator, would conduct the screening and upload the child’s report to the thumb drive from the screener.
* You or a School Administrative support person would print each child’s report on pre-printed Lions Club letter stock (supplied).
* We will be "on-call” by phone to troubleshoot as needed.
* We would arrange with you for equipment pick-up, again without entering the building.
* You would provide us by email with the number of children screened and number referred, and the report from the screener without personal information included.

On the next page of this letter, I have provided **information you might need in the future** as a reminder about Lions Club help for children and families in need of financial support. Children do not need to be screened to be eligible for this sort of support.

**Most important, when you can, please let me know if you have an interest or would like to know more about our equipment lending program**.

Regards,

Lions Club contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please see information about our financial assistance program on the next page.**

**Lions financial assistance program for parents who are in financial need.**

We know that children need to see in order to learn and that you may identify a child in your care that needs help. We hope you have seen the value of KidSight particularly since it is supported by our program of helping families in need with the cost of a complete eye exam and glasses. If financial support is needed, the family should first seek coverage through the child’s health insurance company if there is private insurance coverage that includes vision exams and glasses. Otherwise:

* If the family is eligible for medicaid and they have opted into either Medicaid's “Wellsense” or “Healthy Families”, both of these programs pay most, if not all, expenses for exams and glasses.
* Lions Club Assistance - As one of our core missions, the Lions Club has provided assistance for eye examinations and glasses for those in need. Please let us know if the family of a student needs financial assistance for eye care from the Lions Club.