

From:
To:
Subject: 10 Percent
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:29:42 AM

Vision screening. Year after year, for 10 years now, I have actively administered elementary school vision screening. Without much variation, approximately 10 Percent of the children are in immediate need of medical care for their vision. The economic-social status of the school makes no difference it is still ONE child in 10 that can not function properly because she or he cannot see. Yes, the screening also reveals disease and physical abnormalities too.

Why would our society, show by it's actions, that we want kids to fail, due to issues we can "fix"?

From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: 2020 Elementary School Vision Screening
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2020 2:33:44 PM

To: The Members of the Joint Ways & Means Committee

From: Dorothy Gann, Sight & Hearing Chair
Nestucca Valley Lions

Dear Members:

I want to let you know how concerned I am regarding the proposed budget cuts in the up coming budget for the State of Oregon. The trickle down effect it will have on the fund for elementary school vision screening in the Oregon school districts. worries me terribly. A child's vision is absolutely important for them to be able to learn and become a productive member of society.

This program has been tremendously successful in detecting problems with children's eyesight. This vision screening program will probably be the **only** chance that some children will have to get their eyes examined.

Please be very thoughtful in your deliberations and what it means to children and their parents.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Gann, Sight & Hearing Chair
Nestucca Valley Lions
503-812-0364

From:
To:
Subject: Advocacy for Vision Screenings
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:23:10 PM

Good Evening Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children. We partner and serve families that are financial low income that benefit from vision screening at their schools. Without these services some of the families won't have access for vision health issues. I myself growing up received services growing up and it changes my life as a child. Now as an adult and working in the public health field more and more our services serving our most vulnerable are being cut. Please reconsider as many families will be impacted with your cuts.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Jackie Vargas

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From:
To:
Subject: containing to fun vision screening in Oregon.
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:14:43 AM

Good Morning,

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Memo Plazas

From:
To:
Subject: Lions school vision screenings
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:38:19 PM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Carol Casciato

From:
To:
Subject: Lions Vision Screenings in Schools
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:34:23 PM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As a retired educator, both teaching and in administration, I know that being able to read is so important for any subject being taught. As an active Lion participating in vision screening I have seen first hand how important these screenings are for our students. When we are able to catch vision problems in students and get them the vision help they need it facilitates and enhances their educational experience.

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

*Sincerely,
Jon Awbrey
Crooked River Ranch, Oregon*

From:
To:
Subject: Testimony for School Screenings
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 5:22:57 PM
Attachments: [Vision Screening Results and 3rd Grade State Test Results in Oregon\[1\].docx](#)

7/22/2020

Dear Education Subcommittee Chairs and Members,

I am writing in response to the proposed ODE budget cuts that eliminate funding for vision screening in the 2020-2021 school year. As a pediatric eye care professional and member of the ODE Vision Screening Task Force, our research team at Pacific University has been working with the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation conducting studies to evaluate the efficacy of the SPOT screening in terms of how well the screening detects the high priority vision conditions. We have also been looking at the relationship between vision screening results and academic achievement using 3rd grade ELA and MATH test results from schools across the state. We have found a clear relationship. Schools with more vision screening failures have lower standardized state test scores, even when controlling for socioeconomic factors such as the percentage of students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch. We also looked at individual test scores compared to 3rd grade test scores in the Salem Keizer District and found an even more striking relationship. We are working on publishing these findings but I want to share the summary with you now so you understand how important vision is as a factor affecting learning for our most at risk students. (Please see attached summary). I know this is a really difficult time for all of us who serve students. I just wanted to share this information so you can make well-informed decisions.

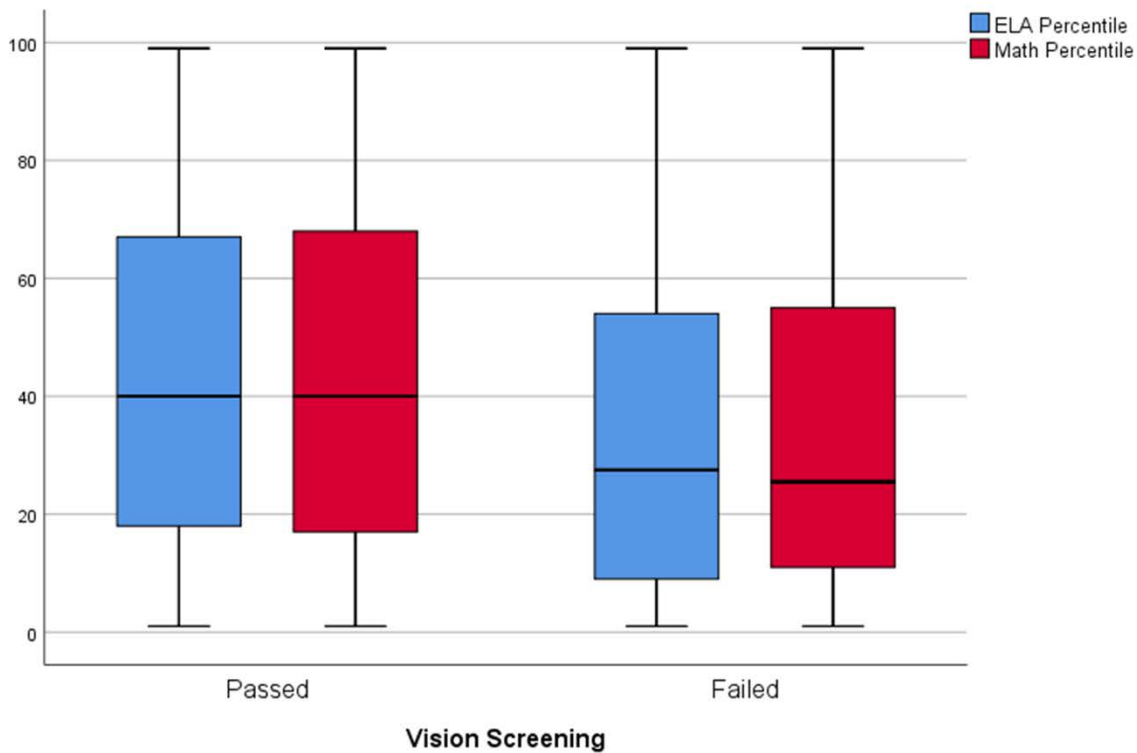
Sincerely,



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Clinic (503) 352-2020

Vision Screening Results and 3rd Grade State Test Results in Oregon, 2018 (preliminary findings)

- Pacific University College of Optometry researchers working with Oregon Lions and Oregon Dept. of Education
- Data collected from 3rd grade students in Salem/Keizer District who were screened by Oregon Lions Foundation in spring of 2018
- 366 of 2757 (13.2%) of students failed one or more aspects of the vision screening (SPOT photoscreener)
- Looked at 3rd grade state test scores: Compared percentile rank of students who passed vs failed the vision screening
- Children who failed the vision screening performed on average 10% lower than those who pass the vision screening on both the English Language Arts and Math tests
- Children with the most significant vision conditions or multiple vision conditions perform about 20% lower than average.



From:
To:
Subject: ODE fund
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:41:36 PM

Ways and Means Education subcommittee members,

I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to keep the ODE School Vision screening fund.

The core of any learning is the ability for students to clearly see what they are being taught. Many time the way to catch these hindrances is thru programs like this.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Jeff Hilfiker
Salem, Or. 97302

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From:
To:
Subject: ODE School Vision Screening Fund
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:40:00 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Brad King

Lead Screening Events Coordinator

Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundationwww.OLSHF.org

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From:
To:
Subject: ODE school vision screening fund
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:25:29 PM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,
Beaverton Lion
Roger Davidson
Sent from my iPhone

From:
To:
Subject: ODE school vision screening funding
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 8:24:55 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

I am writing to urge you to recommend continued funding for the ODE School Vision Screening program, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's school children.

I understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but I don't believe that we can afford to allow funding for this program to be eliminated. Not only is the program of crucial importance to our children's health, but catching and correcting vision problems in our school children can greatly enhance their ability to succeed in school and beyond. In addition, I feel confident that no other program in the education budget is more cost effective or has a better track record of success. Let me repeat, we can't afford to let this program go away.

I appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year. Thanks in advance for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Tom Hilgers
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Salem OR 97304
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thilgers@comcast.net

From:
To:
Subject: ODE School Vision Screening
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:55:27 AM

Dear Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

*Noelle Bryan
Grandmother of a North Marion School District 15 student
Portland, Oregon*

From:
To:
Subject: Oregon Lions School Vision Screening Program
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 3:16:13 PM
Importance: High

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

*Lion Bruce E. Schnieber
South Salem Lions Club*

From:
To:
Subject: Oregon Lions School Vision Screening
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 11:33:05 PM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members:

As we know, learning is 80 % visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School

Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,

Gary Balo,

President, Portland Hollywood Lions Club

Portland, Oregon

July, 22, 2020

From:
To:
Subject: Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation Vision Screening
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:58:50 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As a retired Optometric Physician, I have seen the positive results of the Student Vision Screening program run by the OLSHF. Children who are not identified with a vision problem suffer academically, socially and athletically.

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Steve Tronnes, O.D.
541-643-8213

From:
To:
Subject: Oregon Lions vision Screening
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 12:55:14 AM

I visited the Capitol last your to lobby for this and after we had presented, one of the committee members asked why we did not ask for three million. We had worked very hard to get one million in the previous session and thought if we could get more funding we would just test more students. Please vote to keep at least a part of the funding in the budget so we can continue to serve our communities and our children.

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

David Fitzgerald
WSLC President
davefi@comcast.net
503-930-3804

From:
To:
Subject: Please preserve the majority of ODE's School Vision Screening Fund
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:42:28 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

The vast majority of vision screenings (from eye charts to advanced technology like photoscreening devices) **can be delivered across the state while social distancing**. Screenings can be provided safely for students enrolled in in-class or hybrid attendance models and are a key element of student success in school and for reaching their potential in life.

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Attached I've provided **an image of the 6 ft screening model developed at OLSHF** that will be used along with other procedures this school year to provide safe vision screenings to school children across the state.

Sincerely,

Matt Phillips

Matt Phillips, School Vision Screening & Technology Manager

[Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation](#)

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From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: Please Preserve the ODE School Vision Screening Fund in the 2020-2021 School Year
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:02:38 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Melinda Rhodes

Patient Services & Community Events Manager

Pronouns: she/her/hers

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From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: Please preserve the ODE School Vision Screening Fund
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 9:32:43 PM

Dear Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. As an Oregon Lions club member, I urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

I understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but I do not believe this program should be eliminated. I appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mike Malter
7000 SW Vermont Street, #707
Portland, OR 97223

From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: Preserve the ODE School Vision Screening Program
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:58:29 AM

Sen Lew Frederick and Rep Susan McLain, Co-Chairs,
and Other Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members . . .

As is well known, learning is 80 percent visual, and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. My wife and I join with Lions Club members throughout Oregon to urge you to **preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund**, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Thank you.

John R. and Donna D. Crosiar
Springfield OR

From:
To:
Subject: Preserve the Student Vision Health Fund
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 11:59:57 AM

Co-Chairs & member of the Joint Ways & Means Committee Education Subcommittee,

I have been a member of the Beaverton Lions Club for 56 years and have seen so much good done in our communities by Lions and others during that time.

One of the most important things I've seen is proper vision screening for Oregon students. Learning is 80 visual and children need to be able to see to learn.

Please preserve the Student Health Fund of the Oregon Department of Education.

Sincerely,
Lion Phil King
Beaverton Lions Club

From:
To:
Subject: Protect School Vision Screening!
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:50:10 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. With a state education system that ranks consistently in the lowest quarter of the nation, we cannot afford to ignore any barrier to a child's education. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,
Phoenix Chambers
503-910-0788
pachamberswork@gmail.com

From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: Oregon Lions: Protect School Vision Screenings for Vulnerable Kids
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 3:05:40 PM
Attachments:

Please submit the email below and the two attachments to this email to the legislative record for tomorrow's Education Subcommittee.

Thank you,

-Danelle Romain, Mike Freese, Doug Thompson, Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF)



Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

The draft Rebalanced Budget plan includes *eliminating* school vision screenings for the 2020-2021 school year. School vision screenings for Oregon's most vulnerable children are critical to identifying underlying issues that impact their ability to succeed in school. We urge you to continue this essential program and dedicate a reduced portion of the remaining vision screening funds (\$300,000 of the \$800,000 remaining) towards at-risk students. The \$300,000 will be used to target Title 1 schools to address the needs of Oregon's most vulnerable children.

The vision screening process utilizes a no-touch, cutting-edge technology, conforming to all physical and social distancing requirements and will be done using the same precautions that will be used in schools and classrooms. The attached one-pager explains the COVID-19 vision screenings in more detail. Additionally, the short video linked below shows how vision screening can be successfully accomplished adhering to all social distancing and safety measures.

<https://www.youtube.com/watchv=hJP2RRX8p44&feature=youtu.be>

Since 2013, the Oregon Legislature has passed multiple laws and appropriations

mandating vision screening for children and reimbursing schools for the cost of vision screening. This is in recognition of the fact that 25% of children have an undiagnosed vision problem that can significantly impact their ability to succeed in school. Identifying vision issues early and subsequent treatment can dramatically improve student outcomes, including positively impacting Oregon high school graduation rates. Students who can't read at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. Eighty percent of learning is visual. Oregon students have already been adversely affected by missing out on important classroom experience. This program cut will further divide students based on their access to healthcare.

The Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) has 485 public schools scheduled for vision screening events for 2020-2021, which would amount to approximately 160,000 students screened. We anticipate scheduling more schools for the 2020-21 school year. Moreover, we expect to refer at least 17,000 students to Oregon eyecare providers to get the support that they need. Serving this number of students has required significant investment and reliance on the state funding now in question. Pulling funding now could cause a significant disruption in our ability to serve students and our community now and in the future.

We understand the need for budget reductions statewide, but do not believe this program should be eliminated. Rather, this fund could be reduced to \$300,000 for the current school year. Eliminating funding for school vision screenings this year will make restarting vision screenings post-COVID even more challenging, leaving our most vulnerable students without necessary early intervention. \$300,000 is critical bridge funding for a vital public and school health program. We appreciate your advocacy to preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Respectfully yours,

-Doug Thompson, Executive Director, Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF)

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OREGON OPTOMETRIC PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION

July 21, 2020

Doug Thompson
Executive Director
Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation
1010 NW 22nd Ave, #144
Portland, OR 97210

Dear Doug:

The Oregon Optometric Physicians Association (OOPA) is aware that the Lions Foundation's Student Vision Screening program is facing potential funding cuts as the State addresses budget shortfalls related to the coronavirus pandemic. Please accept this letter confirming our unabated support for this critical program.

Approximately 180,000 students per year are screened and amongst those, about 20,000 are referred for comprehensive eye exams. The screening and referral processes are key to securing a comprehensive eye exam.

At its recent monthly meeting, OOPA's board of directors voiced unanimous support of sustaining the program and should be considered when the Oregon Department of Education develops its budget.

Please extend our concerns and sense of urgency to lawmakers assigned the difficult task of prioritizing projects with reduced budgets. We feel strongly that the Student Vision Screening funds should be preserved, and we thank you for extending that message.

If the opportunity to testify on behalf of the program emerges during budget talks, we would be pleased to participate.

Best wishes for success during these challenging times. We stand by the screening program and are pleased to offer our ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Geoff Knapp
Executive Director



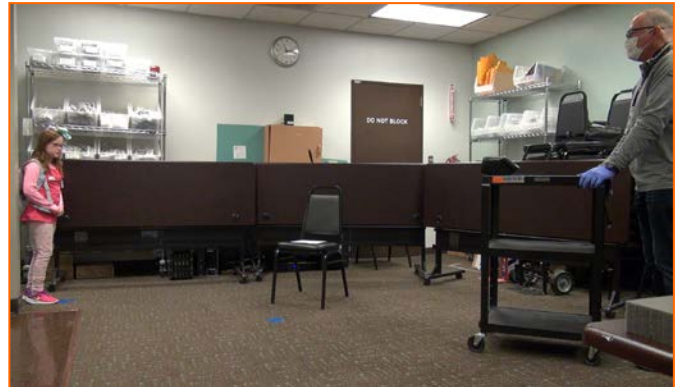
OLSHF School Vision Screenings for Oregon

Adapting school-based vision screenings for Social Distancing

The Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation (OLSHF) has **over 500 public schools scheduled for vision screening events** for 2020-2021, which represents **almost 200,000 students to be screened**. We anticipate scheduling another 100 schools for the 2020-21 school year. Moreover, we expect to refer at least 20,000 students to Oregon eye care providers to get the support that they need.

During this time of social distancing, OLSHF recognizes the need to adapt our current screening protocols to keep the students, school personnel, and our team safe. The SPOT hand-held screening device we use needs to be three feet from the student's eyes to take the measurements needed to detect vision issues. Our foundation has redesigned our screenings to meet health guidance, including the following:

- OLSHF staff, **working in teams of 2-5**, will have appropriate personal protective equipment including options of masks, eye wear, face shields, gloves, cleaning wipes, and more.
- **Equipment will be disinfected** between every event and during events whenever staff exchange equipment.
- We will **secure the SPOT device on the front of an adjustable surface** (such as an A/V cart with a tripod; supplied by OLSHF). This ensures a minimum 6-foot distance between the student and the screener.
- The **student moves into the initial position**, then when asked, they provide their ID label by placing it on a clipboard once the team member has moved out of range.
- After the student steps back, **staff inputs the student ID and adjusts the SPOT device** to align with the student's eyes.
- The **staff member steps back and the student steps forward to be screened**. The SPOT takes the images and digitally records the screening results.



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From:
To:
Subject: School Vision Screenings
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 2:05:18 PM

"Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Thank you for your attention to this important topic.

Sincerely, Fran Silbernagel

From:
To:
Subject: School screening
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 6:08:01 PM

Dear Ways and Means Education Subcommittee Members

As we know , learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE school vision screening fund which helps identify vision health issues in Oregons most valuable children. We understand the need for budget cuts at this time but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the school vision screening fund as possible for 2020/21 school year.

Sincerely Lion Lynn Coon
1st. Vice District Governor
District 36-R

From:
To:
Subject: School sight testing
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:00:20 AM

I have had the distinct pleasure of helping with the School Sight Testing program conducted by the Oregon Lions Clubs. During these events, I am dismayed with the number of students who should require corrective actions for their sight problems. Our small Lions club of only 41 members have provided this service for many years. We average over 900 students. The sad part is that normally approximately ten percent (10%) are in need of further testing. We all desire our students to perform at the top of their capabilities.

How can they do that, if their sight is impaired; and neither they, their parents or their teacher are aware of the problem.

So, we just think Johnny is a slow learner. NO! JOHNNY CAN'T SEE THE FRONT OF THE ROOM.

The future of Oregon and the United States of American require this program to continue. Please do YOUR part, and maintain this vital service for the good of our Nation.

Yours in service:

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From:
To:
Subject: School vision funding
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:33:07 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am a long standing member of my Lions Club & I am writing to ask for your support to continue funding school vision screening.

Each year when I participate in the school vision screening program I feel so honored to be able to help. It is so important that kids be able to see what they are supposed to be learning. I hear many stories of how a child's life is improved because they can finally see correctly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Norton

541-543-5791

Eugene Downtown Lion's Club

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Thanks, Karen

From:
To:
Subject: School Vision screening
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:23:22 PM

Dear People

As a long time Lion I have participated in many school screenings and have seen the importance of finding and correcting our youngsters eye problems at an early date in their learning years and whist I realize the problems caused by Covid I respectfully ask that funding for this program be continued through this year

Sincerely
Lion Beris B
Silverton Lions

From:
To:
Subject: School Vision Screening Fund
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:35:01 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Lee R. Mayer

From:
To:
Subject: school vision screening fund.
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:14:12 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

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This is a form letter, but it says it all.*

*Sincerely,
Deanna McDermott, secretary-treasurer Langlois Lions Club
Langlois Oregon*

From:
To:
Subject: School Vision Screening Fund
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:16:22 PM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

These screenings can be completed consistent with CDC Guidelines. 525 schools have already requested these screenings for this coming school year!

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*Sincerely,
Lucinda Mejdell-Awbrey*

From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: School Vision Screening Funding
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 4:28:17 PM

Ways and Means Education Subcommittee Members:

I am a retired elementary and middle school teacher, and spent so very many years working with students with vision impairments that could have been improved or prevented at an early age. My own son had undiscovered amblyopia, and although we found the condition at a fairly early school age his vision was never responsive to treatment as might have been possible earlier and he is functionally blind in one eye.

I do NOT want other kids to experience the same vision challenges as my son or my previous students. Although every child learns in an individual fashion, research shows that approximately 80% of learning at an early age is visual. The ODE School Vision Screening Fund has allowed organizations such as the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation (of which I am a past Chair and an active screening volunteer) to vision screen Oregon students in K-5, which helps to identify vision health issues in some of our most vulnerable children. The wide open societal discussion happening currently points out the inequity of education services offered to students of color - and this Vision Screening Fund works to affect exactly that issue!

I understand the need for budget cuts at this time, certainly, but I strongly believe that this program needs and deserves to be continued. I appreciate your previous advocacy for children's visual health, and I ask that you, as a committee of concerned parents and community members yourselves, preserve as much of the ODE School Vision Screening Fund as is possible for the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you for your dedication to the students of Oregon and to the Oregon community at large!

Sharon Rollins

From: [Sharon Newton](#)
To: [JWMED Exhibits](#)
Subject: School vision screening is very important. Please support it.
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:29:59 AM

Sent from my iPhone

From:
To:
Subject: School Vision Screening
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:38:14 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

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Sincerely,

*Linda Stent
District Governor
Oregon Lions District 36-R*

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 **STAY HOME!!** 
KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!!

From:
To:
Subject: School Vision Screenings
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 6:47:21 PM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

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Sincerely,

Raechel Dow, Sight & Hearing Chair for Dallas Lions Club
and Dallas Lions

From:
To:
Subject: School vision Screenings
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:31:33 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members:

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Sincerely,
Red Rowley
Immediate Past Chair
Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation Executive Committee

From:
To:
Subject: School Vision Testing Funding
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:52:01 PM

There are countless stories of children who didn't know they were not seeing clearly because all their life that's just how it always looked. Through school vision screenings children and their families are given the opportunity to find out there is a problem and get help.

Their lives are changed because now they can see; and studies show they have a much greater chance to learn successfully and stay in school.

The Lions Clubs have designed safe procedures to allow for social distancing and cleaning to keep the testing safe. I urge you to continue the funding that was budgeted for the 2020-21 school year.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Annie Battee

From:
To:
Subject: Screening Fund
Date: Sunday, July 26, 2020 12:38:48 PM

To the Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members

We of the Enterprise-Joseph Lions Club do the vision screening for children in Enterprise, Joseph and Wallowa school districts.

We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the school vision screening fund as possible for the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,
Chris Bullat sight and hearing chairman

From:
To:
Subject: Support funding for school vision screenings.
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:27:13 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

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Sincerely,

Glenda Nolan
South Salem Lions Club
Sent from my iPad

From:
To:
Subject: Vision screening
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:45:11 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

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We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

Lynne Heller
Central Linn Lions club.

P.S. Central Linn Lions club supports this statement.

From:
To:
Subject: Vision Screening
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 12:48:38 PM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

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We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely, Lion Kathi Otero

From:
To:
Subject: Vision Screening
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:00:30 PM

I am a school nurse, I have 1500 students myself in a district of 2300. Vision is a critical sense in learning. It is not practical or financially feasible for I and one additional nurse to screen 2300 children in the fall (ideal for early detection). Early detection of Vision problems supports early intervention. OneSpot screening cameras are \$6000/apiece, and I have never found "gently used" ones to buy less.. We are a small rural district with 80% free-and-reduced lunch and 70+ homeless families. We already lack high-speed internet and access to a myriad of services.

Please support OLS&HF vision screening.

Thank you

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Kelly Barnett, RN MSN

District Nurse

"She/her"

NBSD #13 1913 Meade St., North Bend, Oregon 97459

"Our Mission to our students:

Safe, healthy, ready to learn!"

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541-751-7177

From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: Vision screening at schools
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 3:47:15 PM

Ways and Means Education Subcommittee Members,

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We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Steven Kaufman
Trustee
Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation

From:
To:
Cc: Vision Screening Fund
Subject: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:44:15 AM
Date:

Ways and Means Education Subcommittee Members,

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We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

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Sincerely,

Russell Chase
OLSHF Trustee
Bend/Sunrise Lions Club

Have a Great Lions Day
WE SERVE

From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: Vision Screening Funding--SUPPORT
Date: Saturday, July 25, 2020 11:30:44 AM

Ways and Means Education Subcommittee Members,

I am president of the Dorris Lions Club in Dorris, Siskiyou County, California; and, we are members of Lions of Oregon and Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation. I urge you to preserve the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) School Vision Screening fund which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's children.

As Lions, we understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we also believe this fund is essential in allowing Oregon Lions-as volunteers-to perform screenings which can easily detect visual learning deficiencies. Once identified, correction can occur with our help at such a critical stage in their life.

Please preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you!

Rennie D. Cleland-President
Dorris Lions Club

From:
To:
Cc: Vision Screening in Oregon Schools
Subject: Thursday, July 23, 2020 6:37:59 AM
Date:

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

As we know, learning is 80% visual and children not reading at grade level are 13 times less likely to graduate from high school. We urge you to preserve the ODE School Vision Screening fund, which helps identify vision health issues in Oregon's most vulnerable children.

Last year the Lions Clubs of Oregon screened about 186,000 school children and approximately 10 percent of those were referred for professional examinations. That means about 18,000 kids have a better chance of doing well in school, and are less likely to drop out. So the screening has a direct effect on the graduation rate, something that benefits all citizens of the State.

We understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but we do not believe this program should be eliminated. We appreciate your advocacy for children's vision health and ask that you preserve as much of the School Vision Screening fund as possible for the 2020-21 school year.

Sincerely,

*Steven Olson
Past President
Bend/Sunrise Lions Club*

From:
To:
Subject: Vision Screening preservation
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:25:22 AM

Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members,

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Sincerely,

*Phyllis Carlin
Crooked River Ranch Lions Club*

From:
To:
Subject: Vision screening
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 7:27:00 AM

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Sincerely,
Michael Cairns

From:
To:
Subject: Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:42:54 PM

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Sincerely,

*Dan Wolf
Mt Hood Lions Club*

Thank you so much for your support of vision screening in Oregon schools. If you haven't done so yet, please register for our School Vision Screening Advocacy webinar tomorrow at 12:30 pm. by clicking the link below.

Thank you!

**Please register for School Vision Screening Advocacy Webinar
on Jul 23, 2020 12:30 PM PDT at:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8139473882019360015>

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing
information about joining the webinar.**

From:
To:
Subject: Ways & Means Education Subcommittee Members
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:39:47 PM

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From:
To:
Subject: Ways and Means Education Subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:59:57 PM

Dear Legislators,

As a member of the Eugene Downtown Lions Club, I have been active in the vision screening of students in the 4J schools in Eugene. Of the hundreds of children we screen each year, about ten percent need referral to eye doctors for more complete evaluation and treatment. Untreated, these children will not be able to reach their educational goals.

I understand the need for budget cuts at this time, but ask that this screening program not be eliminated. Please preserve as much of this important funding as possible.

Sincerely,

Lion Thomas O. McCann, MD