

Your School Division Letterhead

Dear Parents/Guardians:

With its ongoing commitment to provide the best opportunities for students to achieve success, The School Division is pleased to support the eye health and vision program called *Eye See...Eye Learn*.

The *Eye See...Eye Learn* Program is based on research which confirms the impact vision and eye health have on a student's success in learning. Children who cannot clearly see the board, focus on a picture, or follow words in a book may not be able to reach their full learning potential. Lazy eye, poor eye tracking, poor focusing or coordination, near or far-sightedness, astigmatism and colour deficiency are a few examples of where early diagnosis can effectively prevent future or more complex vision problems from occurring. The enclosed information more fully explains why early and regular eye examinations are so important to your child's development.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Health covers the cost of children's comprehensive eye health examinations up to the age of eighteen. The School Division recognizes the important link between eye health and learning, and recommends comprehensive eye health examinations for all children entering kindergarten or grade school.

When you take your child for the eye examination, please make sure the optometrist completes the "*Eye See...Eye Learn* Eye Examination Form". The optometrist will return the completed form for you to return it to your child's teacher for the purpose of better understanding how to meet your child's learning needs.

If you don't currently have a family optometrist, search the yellow page directory, or visit www.optometrists.sk.ca. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the *Eye See...Eye Learn* program, please contact the Program Coordinator at the Saskatchewan Association of Optometrists at 306.652.2069 or 1.877.660.393 or email sao@sasktel.net.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools