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Special Education

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Dear Families,

Our district census indicates you have a child who will be invited to participate in the District's Child Find activity called the Early Learner Screening. The Early Learner Screening is voluntary and offers families an opportunity to have their child born between September 2, 2019 and September 1, 2020 meet with district staff in a play based setting. The staff observe and work with your child to assess their development in several areas with the goal to identify children who may benefit from early intervention due to lagging skills. This screening is not used to determine a child's readiness to attend 4 year old kindergarten. There are no academic prerequisite skills that are required to attend 4 year old kindergarten.

The first step in the screening process is reflecting on your own child's development. Do you have any concerns about your child's development in relation to speech development, fine motor development, gross motor development, or social emotional/behavioral development? Other caretakers, like daycare providers, relatives and your child's pediatrician are also great sources of information when it comes to your child's development. If you have concerns about your child's development and would like to schedule an appointment with District staff, please use the link below to schedule a time on **Friday, February 23, 2024**. Appointments are required. The screenings will be held at Heritage Elementary School and will also include volunteers from the Lion's Club to do free vision screenings. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time if you would like your child's vision screened.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054CAA628A0FB6-47382426-early>

If you would like to bring your child to the Early Learner Screening, please complete the enclosed questionnaire and bring it with you on the day of the screening. At the Early Learner Screening, your child will have the opportunity to interact with the appropriate school staff, which could include school psychologists, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists, and early childhood teachers. Your child will participate in an activity with our team and then a teacher or therapist will follow up with you at the conclusion of the activity to share any information they gathered about your child.

If you have questions, or aren't sure if your child should attend the Early Learner Screening, please feel free to call or email me at the contact information listed below.

Sincerely,

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