

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Through the school year, the Hernando County School Clinics conduct several health screenings in accordance with Florida Statute 381.0056. These screenings are limited to procedures that do not penetrate the skin or any body orifices. The screenings conducted are Hearing, Vision, Height, Weight and Body Mass Index calculation (BMI) on Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Sixth graders also receive Scoliosis screenings which assesses curvature of the spine. You will be notified of any findings that appear to be abnormal. At that time, you will be advised of any needed follow-up.

You will be notified by letter, in a sealed envelope, sent home with your child regarding the BMI results. We only send letters to those children that are determined to be overweight or underweight. This letter will explain the categories and recommendations for any action that may be indicated.

Your school will be doing these screenings during the months of September, October, November and December in the elementary schools. Your child should have their glasses with them so we can check their vision properly.

If you have any **OBJECTIONS** to your child participating in any of these screenings, please notify your school in *writing by signing and returning this form*. Please feel free to contact the School Clinic at 797-7067 ext: 200 if you have any further questions.

Thank you.

Marian Chickering

**SIGN AND RETURN ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO BE SCREENED.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name and Grade

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

*It would be greatly appreciated if you could include a change of clothing (shorts, skorts, undergarments and socks) in a Ziplock bag with their name on it which can remain in your child's backpack in case of an emergency.*