

Little Ferry Public Schools

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Dear Parent (s)/Guardian (s),

This letter provides information regarding the state mandated health screenings that are performed annually for all our Little Ferry students. The school nurse conducts various screenings to ensure the health of all of our students according to the New Jersey State Guidelines in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2. Some of the services include height and weight, blood pressure, hearing, vision, and scoliosis screenings. Annual physical examinations for school age children are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics to monitor growth and development, as well as early detection of health problems.

In light of the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, health screenings will be conducted differently this year. Students who are on premise (in school) will be screened following contact precautions and guidelines. We are asking that if a parent or guardian has an objection to this, please contact the school nurse immediately to waive this year’s screening for your child. If preferred, the child’s private physician may perform the required screenings and return these findings to the school nurse. If your child has already had a physical within the last year, please forward this physical form to the school nurse. Please note that we will begin our annual screenings for the students that are on premise on **April 6, 2021**, starting with our Middle School. Parents/guardian will be notified of any results that need further evaluation.

Information for our Remote/ Virtual Students: At this time, parents/guardians of the students that have been on remote format until now, please see your private healthcare provider to perform the necessary yearly screenings and forward these results to your child's school nurse. Your physician may use a universal physical form to submit the physical examination. You may also take the physical form found attached to this message for your doctor to fill out. If your child had an annual physical examination within the last year to the present date, we are asking that you submit this to the school nurse as soon as possible. The results are recorded on the student's school health record, A-45. These completed forms should be provided to the school nurse by May 10, 2021.

Throughout the spring, the school nurse will be following up with parents/guardians of students who are still missing screenings. If you have any questions, please reach out to the school nurse, Mrs. Espinoza at 201-641-6186 ext. 1405 or by email at sespinoza@lfboe.org.

Kind regards,
Little Ferry Public School