

## NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL SCHOOL HEARING SCREENING

Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Hearing is an important part of your student's ability to learn and progress at school. In accordance with state and federal law, an annual hearing screening is conducted at your student's school to identify students with hearing concerns. The Utah State Department of Health has issued new screening guidelines this year to help prevent the exposure and spread of COVID-19 during screening. These new guidelines include social distancing and enhanced disinfecting of headphones and other contact surfaces between students as well as wearing masks. Our annual screening includes preschoolers starting school, ALL Kindergarten and ALL 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, ALL students with an IEP, students new to the district and students requested by parents or teachers to be screened. In middle school and high school, students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades can be screened by request (as well as students in other grades if there is a concern). Please let your student's teacher know if they are not part of the groups mentioned and you would like them screened. If your student isn't attending school and you would like to have them screened, you can bring them to the school on the day of the screening or contact the audiologist for alternatives. His email address is [jeramyj@provo.edu](mailto:jeramyj@provo.edu) or call 801-374-4895 to leave a message. This year, your school's hearing screening is scheduled on: Oct. 22, 2020.

The hearing screening is a very simple procedure and will take only a few minutes. If your student is absent or does not pass the initial screening, they will be rechecked on a later date and you will be notified if they do not pass the rescreen. **If you DO NOT want your student to be screened, please send a signed and dated note to your student's teacher prior to the screening indicating you don't want them to be screened.**

**Thank you!**