Your local Lions Club in conjunction with the Colorado Lions KidSight Program will conduct free vision screening at your child's school. The screening uses state-of-the-art technology and is 90% effective in detecting the vision problems that could lead to lazy eye. No physical contact is made with your child and no eye drops or medications are used. For additional information please visit our website www.kidsightcolorado.org.

If you do not wish to have your child screened please sign and date below and return to your child's school.

**WHY is vision screening important?**
The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of good vision. Children should have their vision checked for issues such as misaligned eyes, and problems that need correction with eyeglasses. These problems are not always evident by simply looking at a child. Young children often compensate for vision problems so well that parents, teachers, and pediatricians are unaware of a problem. Many common vision robbing conditions such as "lazy eye" can be effectively treated if detected in a child's formative years.

KidSight screens for the following:
Hyperopia – "Far-sightedness" is the difficulty seeing objects that are near. Untreated this can contribute to "crossing of the eyes" but can be corrected with glasses.

Myopia – "Near-sightedness" is when the eyes focus incorrectly, making distant objects appear blurred. It can be treated with glasses.

Astigmatism- A condition in which the cornea has an abnormal curve causing out-of-focus vision.

Anisometropia – This condition can adversely affect the development of binocular vision in infants and children. The brain will often suppress the vision of the blurrier eye in a condition called Amblyopia or "lazy eye."

Strabismus – Eyes are not directed to an object simultaneously. Sometimes the eyes deviate outward and sometimes inward.

I **do not** wish to have my child's eyes screened.

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Child's Name

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Signature of Parent                                                    Date