Kindergarten Vision-Testing Programme
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Parents' Questionnaires

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At 29 schools where we offered our program in 2016-2017, we sent all the parents of junior- and senior-kindergarteners an anonymous questionnaire about vision screening. We sent it toward the end of the school year and received responses from 20% of the parents, 598 in total. The schools were in Toronto, Hamilton, Woodstock, Sarnia, Wellesley, and Kitchener-Waterloo areas.

These parents covered the entire spectrum of social, economic and political values that are found in Ontario, yet they were nearly unanimous in answering three questions. Nearly all of them thought screening vision to be (1) a vital service that (2) ought to be done at school, and (3) ought to be done in more than one grade.

Other questions brought more variety but two points are evident from them. Many parents worry about the cost of eye care and do not realize that O.H.I.P. pays for children's optometric exams.

On the back are the questions and responses.

My child's visual health is important to me and for academic success.
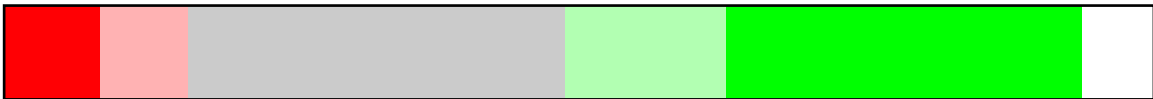
I support vision screening at my child's school.

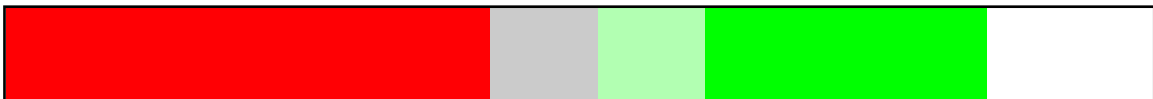In-school vision checking should be expanded to other grades.

Dental and vision checking should be done at the same time at school.

I prefer having the optometrist come to my child's school than visiting the optometrist's office.

Before this program, I was unaware that optometry exams are free for my child.

Eye glasses are covered by my insurance plan.

I am worried about the cost of future eye care for my child.

| Disagree Strongly | Disagree | Neither | Agree | Agree Strongly | No Answer |