



Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are writing to you today to provide helpful information that may become a good resource for you as you make plans for your child with regard to the third grade benchmark reading exam. As you know, your child had some difficulties, and was unable to meet the requirements of the test.

Vision issues can have a negative impact on your child's ability to learn and (School / District Name) encourages you to schedule a comprehensive eye exam as soon as you can. The Mississippi Optometric Association and the Mississippi Vision Foundation are partnering to provide no-cost eye exams to Mississippi 3rd grade students who did not pass the reading test and do not have coverage.

Many issues can affect a child's inability to read and comprehend and one of those issues can be visual acuity. Past statistics show that upon receiving a comprehensive eye exam, up to 88% of children who initially failed the test required some form of vision correction.

Should you need financial assistance or the name of an eye doctor near you, please contact the Mississippi Vision Foundation at [www.msvisionfoundation.org](http://www.msvisionfoundation.org) or at (601) 572-0845. Eye exams are covered by insurance, Medicaid, and CHIP. Third Grade Eye Exam guidelines for parents and schools are posted, as well as a full list of participating eye doctors.

Sincerely,

(Principal's/Teacher's Name)