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27D1 Cabinet Members,

I hope that everyone has been able to stay safe and still have the ability to share time with family and friends in some manner.

With the restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic upon us, there have been limited opportunities to do Vision Screenings this past year.

Edgerton and Portage have reported some early successes with vision screening. Otherwise, the district has been pretty quiet. The schools have had to conduct their business through various models of in person and through virtual learning. Not being able to have students in person has limited the opportunities to do vision screenings.

We have worked on alternative ways to conduct screenings, but still have the limit of needing the personal contact with the children to be successful. The future is not certain until things will change and get back to normal. I encourage all clubs to prepare for when we return to normal. It may not return to what we have done in the past, so plan to be flexible and adjust to what the situation allows.

Stay in touch with your schools, daycare and other community contacts and find ways to remind them that you are ready to conduct Vision Screenings as soon as we are able. Remind them that it is still important to monitor our children and provide eye care as needed. You may work closer with Eye care specialists to provide funds for exams and glasses where needed. If you have need for glasses and your club's funds may be insufficient due to the slow fundraising, check with Shopko in your area ask which Lions Club has received their allocation of eye care certificates. That club may be able to share their certificates with you.

Our efforts to file for reduced cost extended warranty through PlusOptix has come to a standstill due to district 27D1 not having enough eligible cameras to warrant a discount. The efforts to encourage other districts to participate has not moved anywhere. The requirement of PlusOptix to have all cameras to be invoiced by a single invoice and come due at the same time seems to be the sticking point (who will manage this contract).

(1-9 cameras on 3-year contract \$295 each per year, 10-19 on 3-year contract reduced, > 20 cameras on 3-year contract \$50.00 each per year).

I encourage everyone to continue to prepare for the time when we can start screening children again.

Thank you,

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