Cabinet Members,

I hope that everyone has had a great holiday season and they have stayed safe. The forecast for Covid and other respiratory disease is high in Wisconsin again this year. I encourage everyone doing vision screenings to continue to take precautions when in contact with groups of kids and continue to do great things.

2024 is here and we are at 9,181 children screened and 8.83% referred so far in this 2023-24 year. There are new schools that are doing screenings and Lions Clubs are requesting district cameras to help with the workload.

I have been asked for some documentation that helps to encourage school nurses to allow us to come in and use the cameras to help with their workload of screening their over 6-year-old students. I have been working with Plusoptixs' Tammy Johnson to help create this documentation. Tammy has agreed to work on this as she has also received the same request from other states. There is nothing received yet on this, but she continues to work to help provide this information.

I have reminded Keith Mueller of the expiration date of June 30th for the current 3-year extended warranty contract with Plusoptix and asked him to review and renew this for another 3 years. There have been new cameras purchased by Lions Clubs and may be eligible for joining this next contract. Waiting for feedback from Keith Mueller of WLF.

We are preparing for the 2024 27D1 Convention and Friday March 8th3-5PM Vision Screening Training.

This has been a very busy year and 27D1 Lions Clubs have been working to increase the locations for vision screening. I wish to thank everyone for their service and to encourage everyone to keep in mind the kids that are referrals may not receive the care they need without your good work.

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