

27D1 Vision Committee Report
October 12th, 2025 Cabinet Meeting

Cabinet Members,

The new school year is here and our Lions Clubs are getting active with their vision screenings. As of today, we have 10 clubs having reported results for their screening efforts. There are 1,143 children screened, 125 referred with a referral rate of 10.94%.

This number seems small in first sight, but we are screening more schools and daycares than we have in the past. Last year our efforts resulted in 13,305 children screened, 1,209 referred which was the largest reported since before the Covid era of 2018-2019 (14,930 screened, 1,373 referred). So, congratulations to all of the Lions clubs that get their reports in and I am sure that this year we will have even larger numbers screened.

There is a trend for more clubs to be able to do screenings at schools and thus increasing the need to meet the scheduling requirements of these schools. It is easier for us to adjust the schedules for the smaller daycare facilities, but the larger school systems have a need for us to fit their schedules. To be able to fit their schedules does improve our odds of being invited back (or into) their schools to perform our vision screenings. The issue of doing the screenings for “Free” is not always the determining factor for us to be invited in. In today’s environment, time savings for them is a growing factor.

We currently have 4 district cameras in D1 located in the following clubs, Deforest, Lancaster, McFarland, and New Glarus. These locations have been chosen because of their ease for clubs to have access to the use and scheduling of the cameras. There is an increase recently, of clubs wanting to have use of more than one camera at their vision screenings.

- Increased number of kids to be screened at one time and having increased number of screenings in a shorter period of time. Some clubs have a camera of their own to use, but ask for a district camera to supplement their efforts.

Some of the clubs (and district cameras) are reaching 10-20 years old and Plusoptix has discontinued the production of the S12c model. This means that someday the parts for repairs will become unavailable. They have a new model S20 in production and available as of 2025. **(They are still maintaining their extended warranty and repairs for the S12.)**

This only brings these 2 subjects together for a discussion and planning for the future of vision screening.

As we look into the future and how to keep the flow of vision screening seamless, when do we look forward to replacing some of this equipment?

With the increased demand for cameras and to keep clubs increasing their reach into our schools, I would like to make a request for our district to consider the following proposal –

REQUEST for ACTION!

- ***I request that the cabinet and 27D1 membership to consider purchasing a new Plusoptix S20 Vision Screener to be housed in Verona Lions Club for the use of D1 clubs vision screenings. I am attaching a quote from Plusoptix in the amount of \$7,727.88 for this purchase.***

Verona has been the second highest reporting club from D1 last year and will make easier access for the north and west clubs including Crossplains, Mazomanie, Dodgeville and west.

I make this request knowing that I have submitted notice that I am stepping down as co-chairman at the end of this physical year (June 31st , 2026), but I do this knowing that I take responsibility to help guide us into the future.

Thank you to everyone who participates in the Lions Vision Screening program and for your service and teamwork over the years.

Respectfully submitted,
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