Color Vision Advisory Letter

Child’s Name ________________________________ Age/DOB _______________________

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

During the recent vision screening conducted at your child’s school, your child displayed some difficulty meeting passing criteria in distinguishing colors. This screening is not diagnostic, but suggests your child may have some color vision deficiency. The following information may be helpful to you.

**Color Vision Deficiency:**

- Current literature suggests there is no significant difference in school achievement between students with normal color vision and those with color deficiencies.
- Children use different clues to identify colors so the condition generally is not problematic.
- Referrals for professional evaluation of this condition are usually not made since there is no widely accepted treatment for color vision problems at this time.

A professional examination may be beneficial to determine if the problem exists and to accurately diagnose it.

- During the early years of school, the use of colors in conjunction with learning concepts in arithmetic and other materials is sometimes employed and may be a problem for children with color vision deficiency.
- Accommodations for this can easily be made and schools are required to do so by federal law if there is a properly documented diagnosis.
- Additionally, as your child gets older, informed decisions about career choices can be made when the exact nature and scope of the visual problem is known since some occupations require the ability to distinguish colors.

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