

The Optometric Four Horsemen and Cavalry

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Dear Friends:

The Optometric Four Horsemen and Cavalry fully support the efforts of Mrs. Janet Hughes and Vision First Foundation. It is extremely important our children become the best they can be visually for their task as students. Our profession has the knowledge and skills to solve many classroom problems that children experience as well as diagnose, manage or refer eye health and/or vision problems.

Will you help us?

1. **Promise to complete the Preschool or Student Comprehensive Eye and Vision Examination Report for every child examined.** The experience our colleagues have had with the form has been nothing short of phenomenal. Parents and teachers alike are enthusiastic to receive this information. Can you imagine the impact we could have if all eye doctors began to use these forms?
2. **Insist schools in your area inform parents that a vision screening is *not a substitute for an eye examination.*** Remember, a child is exempt from a vision screening if a report form has been completed and signed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.
3. **Make sure that you are knowledgeable in the identification of functional vision problems.** After identifying a visual problem that might interfere with academic learning, if you do not provide service to ameliorate the visual problem, ***we urge you to please refer the patient to a colleague that does.*** "When in doubt, refer the child out." You will never be sorry!

Thank you for reading our letter.

Yours for better vision,

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In loving memory of Irving Kernis, O.D.

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