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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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In an effort to improve the health of our youth, Toronto Public Health is offering a dental screening program for high school students in the City of Toronto. The goal of this program is to:

- a) Identify high school students with urgent dental needs
- b) Assist these students in accessing dental treatment
- c) Provide oral health education and information to students

The screening will be done using sterilized instruments by a registered dental hygienist employed by the City of Toronto.

Students identified as being at risk for dental diseases will be offered support and referred for appropriate care. Students who live in the City of Toronto, who do not have dental insurance and who cannot afford to pay for dental care may be eligible for services offered by Toronto Public Health.

Please be advised that this screening assessment does not replace the dental examination done by a licensed dentist.

If you do not wish your child/ren to be screened, please inform the high school.

For additional information, please contact us at the phone number listed above or visit us at [http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children\\_youth.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children_youth.htm).

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