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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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To identify children with oral health problems, a screening program is offered by Toronto Public Health (T.P.H) to students in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Health requirements for mandatory health programs. The screening is an assessment by an oral health staff member using a separate sterilized mouth mirror for each child. The oral health staff member will assess the need for topical fluoride, scaling, sealant and any other obvious dental needs.

As a follow up to the screening, only parents whose children were screened will be notified and a note to that effect will be sent home with their child/ren for your information and action. You may also receive a phone call from T.P.H. dental staff to assist you in accessing care.

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

The screening date for your child/ren's school has been scheduled for:

If you do not wish your child/ren to be screened, please inform the school staff and the classroom teacher.

For additional information, please contact us at the phone number listed above or visit us at <u>http://www.toronto.ca/health/dental/children\_youth.htm</u>.

Please note that all personal health information (PHI) collected during the screening process will be protected under the provincial Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA).