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## Lancaster ISD Unites with Prevent Blindness Texas to Provide Services to Students, Families

Lancaster, TX/Lancaster ISD

Prevent Blindness Texas and Lancaster ISD have partnered to create a comprehensive program to address students' and parents' eye health issues in our district. Prevent Blindness Texas is the state's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Prevent Blindness Texas touches the lives of thousands of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, community and patient service programs and research.



- Nursing staff and other select staff will receive state certification training in children's vision screening.
- Lancaster ISD staff will receive training and access to financial assistance programs designed to enable students to receiving yearly eye exams and glasses.
- Lancaster ISD staff will receive training, curriculum, and educational materials for eye health and safety designed for both students and their parents.
- Prevent Blindness Texas will also develop awareness campaigns, community health partners, and volunteer resources in Lancaster to address the growing eye health needs of the students and the community.

*The Lancaster Public Schools serve more than 6,000 pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students in 11 schools. The mission of the Lancaster Independent School District, a leader in providing innovative, quality programs, is to educate every student with the knowledge; skills; and principles to succeed and contribute in a competitive and technologically advancing world by providing rigorous and engaging learning opportunities that promote diversity; create an environment of integrity and respect; and establish a commitment to continued improvement in partnership with families and community.*

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