

# Milwaukee Public Schools: Wisconsin Vision's 'Clear Days Ahead' program provides children in need with free glasses

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**MILWAUKEE** – Optometrists, opticians, and volunteers from Wisconsin Vision, the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association, and Milwaukee Public Schools will provide eye exams to more than 90 students at Clarke St. School and more than 100 students at Zablocki Elementary who did not pass vision screenings last month. Students ages four to fourteen who need glasses will be eligible to receive an eyeglass prescription and be fitted for glasses courtesy of Wisconsin Vision.

“We want our young people to have all the tools they need to be in school every day, ready to learn,” said Milwaukee Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Keith Posley. “We thank Wisconsin Vision and the MTEA for their work to ensure our students can see and actively participate in their classes.”

“Comprehensive healthcare, including vision and dental care, is a human right,” said Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association President Amy Mizialko. “Eighty percent of K-12 learning is visual, and approximately 25% of students in grades 1 through 6 have vision impairments. When children can't see, they face challenges in learning.”

Beth Bush of Wisconsin Vision explained that Wisconsin Vision has partnered with MPS schools to provide glasses for several years now, and “each year, we identify some students who are legally blind without glasses.” Since the Clear Days Ahead program began in 2010, more than 1,100 pairs of glasses have been donated by Wisconsin Vision to MPS students.

Media outlets are invited to cover the vision exams at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 14, at Clarke Street School, 2816 W. Clarke St., Milwaukee, WI.