Tuscaloosa County School System School Health Services P. O. Box 2568 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-2568

Date	
Re: _	_(student)

Dear Parent:

The School Health Services program routinely screens students for possible hearing problems in order to identify any barrier to learning that might be corrected. Screening students for possible hearing problems and referring those with difficulty to the appropriate health care provider is important for these reasons:

- 1. Temporary hearing loss causes students to miss crucial instructions in the classroom.
- 2. Parents may not be aware of a child's mild hearing loss in every day home situations.
- 3. Even mild losses may interfere with learning new vocabulary, which is critical for success in reading.
- 4. Hearing loss is invisible and the child may be blamed for "not paying attention.
- 5. Hearing loss may be a sign of ear disease.
- 6. Children with very mild losses or loss only in one ear may be experiencing school failure.

Your child failed our screening and re-screening for hearing problems. We feel it is important to your child's school success to have a professional hearing evaluation. If a problem is found and corrected, it may help your student do better in school. Enclosed is a screening report form to take to your doctor.

It is important for your child's school nurse to know what is found on the professional examination, so we would appreciate your returning the form with the results of the exam.

Sincerely,

School Nurse

Tuscaloosa County Schools Health Services

Hearing Screening Report

Student:		School:			
Grade:	Teacher:	DOB:			
		Date of second screen:			
The above	named student ha	as failed his/her school hearing screening and			
re-screening. Thi	s student has bee	en advised to see his/her primary care			
physician for a pro	ofessional hearing	g evaluation.			
The above	named student's	teacher reports having observed			
signs/symptoms o	of hearing difficulty	y in the classroom.			
Physician's Repo	t:				
The above named	l student was see	n in my office for a hearing evaluation on			
(date)//	, and the foll	owing condition(s) were found:			
My recommendat	ions are:				
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Signature	e of Examiner	 Date			

Tuscaloosa County Schools Health Services FARING Referral Summary

School:	Date:
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Student's Name	Grade	Teacher	LEST	Right EAP	Both Eyes	√Letter Sent	Follow-up Notes
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