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Dear Parent/Guardian:

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Toronto Public Health (T.P.H.) provides dental programs to children from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

To identify children with oral health problems, a screening program is offered to students in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of Health requirements for mandatory health programs. The screening is an assessment by a dental hygienist using sterilized instruments. The dental hygienist 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 are identified as requiring dental services will be notified. A note to that effect will be sent home with your 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 licensed dentist.

## The dental screening dates for Essex Junior and Senior Public School and Hawthorne II Bilingual Alternative Junior School will be on April 8, 9, 10, 13 and April 14, 2015.

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

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>.

**Dr. Hazel Stewart** Director Dental and Oral Health Services