



Fort Worthington Elementary/Middle School

## A Benchmark Year!

Vision To Learn's Maryland program's reached new benchmarks in its seventh year of operations, with a record number of vision screenings, eye exams, and glasses provided to children attending Baltimore City Public Schools. This boost in impact was enabled in large part by adding a second mobile clinic, generously funded by the France-Merrick Foundation. The new clinic allowed our program to increase our capacity to help kids. By the end of the 2022-23 school year Vision To Learn had provided over 3,500 students with eye exams and 3,100 kids with glasses, in partnership with Baltimore City Health Department, Johns Hopkins University, and Warby Parker. This marked a 52% increase in the number of eye exams conducted and a 78% increase in the number of kids receiving glasses when compared to the 2021-22 school year.

**“Our partnership with Vision to Learn has been one of the most powerful that our students are impacted by.”**

**— Principal Doug Fireside**  
New Song Academy

Vision To Learn’s most productive year continued into the summer. Baltimore City Public School students who did not pass the year’s school-based vision screening were able to make an appointment to get their eyes examined by Vision To Learn at their local Boys & Girls Club, library or other participating programs.

Vision and Volleyball

Raquel’s Mom was driving her to school one morning when suddenly she heard her six-year-old say, “Mommy, did you know all these signs have letters?” This came as a shock as all year Raquel had struggled to read and had even been diagnosed with autism.

After Vision To Learn provided Raquel a pair of glasses, her handwriting improved, she began coloring inside the lines, and she had no trouble reading. It turns out that Raquel wasn’t actually autistic, she just couldn’t see! Now Raquel is able to fully participate in class and by the end of the year she was able to catch up academically to the rest of her classmates.

2022 - 2023  
Exams and glasses

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SITES  
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- State of Maryland
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- Annie E. Casey Foundation
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- Johns Hopkins University
- Baltimore City Health Department
- Baltimore City Public Schools
- Coastal Conversions



Exams



Glasses

BALTIMORE COUNTY
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257	141
3,037	2,767
266	219