

*[This write-up comes from Agron Luli, the optometrist that worked with AAI personnel and school administrators and teachers on the 2009 eyeglasses project]*

A couple of months ago I was introduced to the project-idea that Mr. Cook and the AAI had about the student's standard eye-exams in all of the 6 schools of the Shkreli District.

I was very excited, because nothing like this has ever been done there before.

Secondly, as an optometrist, I understand very well the importance that the early detection of the vision problems is for the overall success at school.

Thirdly, the accomplishment of this mass project, will have a great impact on the mentality of the students and their parents, in the sense that it is ok to wear glasses even at a young age.

I think that during that whole week that everybody was involved into making this project a reality, we diagnosed a lot of new cases and gave out glasses accordingly.

Mr. Cook, as a man with a broad human vision and a deep knowledge of the district, worked relentlessly not only to draft this project-idea but to make it a reality as well. I value his contribution on this project very much.

From the parents and the teachers of the students that were diagnosed with problems, it is very important that they follow up with visits at the doctor's to see their progress, and also to check those students that were not present during the week of the exams.

Once again I value very much Mr. Cook's contribution, as a human being and as a parent, his love for this community and his efforts to improve the life of the people of the Shkreli Commune.

Respectfully,  
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