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**Austin Beutner, San Diego Charger Dwight Freney
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To Announce: 10,000 LA Students Receive Free Vision Care**

***Vision To Learn's Mobile Eye Clinics Deliver Free Exams and Treatment to
Low-Income Students***

Los Angeles— Austin Beutner, founder of Vision To Learn, was joined by the San Diego Chargers' Dwight Freney and Los Angeles City Councilman Herb Wesson to announce the local non-profit has provided 10,000 students with free vision care, including eye exams and eyeglasses, to low-income students across Los Angeles.

The community leaders gathered earlier today at Baldwin Hills Elementary School. They were joined by dozens of students who received free eyeglasses from Vision To Learn, their parents and teachers.

"We know 80 percent of learning is visual. Yet nearly one quarter million young children across California do not have the eyeglasses they need to read their books or the board," Beutner said. "We want to give these children a chance to succeed by providing the most fundamental of tools - vision to learn."

"I'm excited to see the great work Vision To Learn has accomplished in such a short time. By providing kids with glasses they are giving them the chance to succeed both in the classroom and on the field," commented San Diego Charger Dwight Freney. And, Herb Wesson, Los Angeles City Council President, added, "Vision To Learn is helping to ensure our students can learn in school - see the board and read a book. We know this makes a significant difference - both in and out of the classroom."

"Vision To Learn's innovative delivery method, a Mobile Eye Clinic, it is so important to our community," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. "They bring vision care directly to the students thus giving students one more tool to reach their full potential."

According to the American Optometric Association, 80 percent of classroom learning is visual. This includes reading, writing and chalkboard exercises. Yet it has been estimated nearly one in every seven kindergarten through fifth graders in California does not have the glasses they need to learn. That means nearly one quarter million of California's young students, including 55,000 here in Los Angeles, are struggling in the classroom due to untreated vision problems.

Vision To Learn was created in 2012 by the Beutner Family Foundation. Nearly every day, Vision To Learn's trained opticians and optometrists drive mobile eye clinics directly to low-income schools and communities to offer students free eye exams. Within three weeks, the organization returns to deliver free prescription glasses to those in need.

For more information on Vision To Learn, please visit www.VisionToLearn.org.