

# Make Your Child's Smile Count!

Your child's school has been selected to be a part of the **2022-23 Statewide Oral Health Needs Assessment: Every Smile Counts!** This screening takes place every 5 years to help provide the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control with a picture of the oral health of South Carolina's children.

At the screening, a trained health professional will quickly look into your child's mouth and note what they see. All children will be given a **Screening Results Form** after the screening to bring home as well as a **toothbrush** and an **activity booklet**. This dental screening does not take the place of regular check-ups by your family dentist or any dental services that you receive at your school.

**Privacy is important!** Your child's name will not be included in any of the results. Your child's health and your family's privacy are very important to us and will be protected. **Safety is a priority!** The screenings will be conducted by a trained health professional who will follow all infection control rules to ensure that your child is protected and safe during the screening.

If you would like for your child to participate no additional steps are needed. **If you do not want your child to be screened, please complete the portion below, sign and return to your child's teacher.**

Please return by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO, I do not give permission for my child to have his/her teeth checked.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent's Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

For more information,

