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WCAIO continues to fund Vision 20/20 Program at MPS *Donation ensures students receive quality vision screening*



Bobby Dhir, President of WCAIO, and two children present MPS Superintendent William G. Andrekopolous with a check to fund the Vision 20/20 Program.

The Wisconsin Coalition of Asian Indian Organizations (WCAIO) presented Milwaukee Public Schools with a check for \$10,000 to continue funding the Vision 20/20 Program. The Vision 20/20 Program provides free vision screening, follow-up exams and prescription eyeglasses to children from low-income and uninsured families. Over 250 gathered at India-America Friendship Park at

11 a.m. on October 1 to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi's birthday and support the Vision 20/20 Program. India-America Friendship Park is located on the east side of the Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St.

MPS Superintendent William G. Andrekopoulos and Principal M. Lourdes Castillo-Urbe, of Vieau Elementary School, spoke about the Vision 20/20 Program and the students and families that have benefited from it. Socorro Perez, an eighth-grader at Vieau, told the crowd how Vision 20/20 provided her with the vision screening and prescription glasses she needed to succeed in the classroom.



Socorro Perez, a student at Vieau Elementary School, speaks of her rewarding experience with the Vision 20/20 Program.

WCAIO was established six years ago as a non-profit, non-partisan association. Since the group's beginnings, it has helped fund many projects in the community including a

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contribution to the September 11 Fund, the presentation of a bronze statue of Gandhi to Milwaukee County, various donations of food to those in need and the presentation of a new Disaster Relief Van to the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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