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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

March 27, 2024

RE: April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming solar eclipse scheduled to occur on April 8, 2024. The eclipse will begin around 2:10 PM, reach its maximum coverage at approximately 3:24 PM, and conclude at 4:35 PM. While this event presents a unique educational opportunity for our students, it also requires caution and adherence to safety guidelines.

Due to the timing of the eclipse, there are statewide concerns around eye safety and anticipated high traffic rates. To ensure a safe viewing experience, I encourage you to consult reputable sources such as NASA and the American Astronomical Society for comprehensive safety information and guidelines. These resources offer valuable insights to enhance your viewing experience while minimizing potential hazards.

In addition, our schools will provide lessons and talking points to further educate our students and staff about the solar eclipse and its significance. It is our hope that all of our staff and students will take the opportunity to safely observe and learn from this celestial phenomenon.

Thank you for your support as we work to make this event a success.

Anthony Iachetti, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

Sincerely,

CC: Mr. Mark S. Jacobus, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Dr. Jillian Torrento, Assistant Superintendent of Schools