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Dear Fayette County Schools' Family:

We know each of you share in the excitement of the upcoming solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017. The total time for the eclipse for our area is between 11:58 pm until 2:57 pm. The peak time will be from 1:20 pm - 1:40 pm. This is a once in a lifetime event and we want our staff and students to enjoy the day safely and responsibly. We must take proper precautions to protect our students' well being. Please take note of the following procedures for this event:

- Students will **not** be allowed to go outside between 11:58 am and 2:57 pm on this day.
- Absences and early checkouts for the day will be excused. Normal checkout procedures will be in place. Parents will need to send a note in the case of an absence. This note will not count against the five allowed parent notes for each semester.
- We plan to offer live streaming of the event at all six schools. All schools have been encouraged to provide access to all students for the indoor live streaming of the eclipse.
- School dismissal will not begin until 3:00 pm. If your school normally dismisses earlier than 3:00 pm, the dismissal time will be pushed back until 3:00 pm. For example, if your child's school usually dismisses at 2:50, the buses will be 10 minutes later dropping off your child.
- Dual enrollment students will remain at their school in the afternoon.
- All outdoor activities and outdoor practices will not begin until 3:00 pm.

As always, please talk to you school principal if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your support and understanding as we work to ensure the safety of all our students and staff during this exciting and rare educational opportunity. The link below is a valuable resource for eclipse information:

Link: <http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov>

Sincerely,
Fayette County Schools

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