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TO: Greeneville City School System Families

On August 21, 2017, the moon will pass between the earth and the sun for the first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse since 1918. Millions of Americans in 12 states will be able to watch the solar spectacle that will turn day into night for a couple of minutes. Tennessee is among the 12 states that will be best located to experience this rare phenomenon.

The Greeneville City School System is planning now for students to participate in the event. Since the peak time to experience the solar eclipse falls during regularly scheduled afternoon transportation times, Greeneville City Schools will delay dismissal by 30 minutes. If your family plans to experience the event at home or another location, please plan to pick up your child(ren) by 1:30 p.m.

Curriculum and enrichment activities concerning the scientific relevance of the occurrence have been prepared and the students will be permitted to participate in a safe viewing experience of the event. The Greeneville City School System has purchased solar sunglasses that meet NASA's recommendations to allow students and employees to participate safely. Additionally, the curriculum has been designed to include instructions on methods of safe viewing of an eclipse complete with warnings regarding attempts to watch this event without protecting one's eyes.

The Greeneville City School System will exercise care and will facilitate careful supervision for all students who participate in this event. However, parents and guardians may withhold permission for their student to observe the solar eclipse. If parents or guardians want to opt out their children from observing the solar eclipse, please complete the attached form and return to the school.

If you have questions concerning this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact the central office at 423-787-8000.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Moorhouse".

Dr. Jeff Moorhouse
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