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On August 21, 2017, for the first time since 1918, a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the United States. Our District will be in the path of a partial (about 70-80%) for the solar eclipse. Many campuses have been busy planning to make this once in a lifetime event a unique learning experience for our students.

On August 21, 2017, any District student (with your consent) will be allowed to go outside and participate in planned campus activities and view the period of totality ("Solar Eclipse Viewing"). Classroom teachers will be providing additional details regarding their particular class as the event approaches.

As always, student safety is our top concern. Looking directly at the sun is unsafe. The only safe way to look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses". Per NASA, homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. Although there is no way to fully guarantee student safety during such a rare event, we will take precautionary measures including pre-education to make students aware of the risks involved in directly looking at the sun. **At no time should students look directly at the sun as it could cause permanent eye damage or other unknown affects. There is no way for the school to guarantee that your child will not adhere to these precautions. Please speak with your child about the importance of keeping themselves safe and aware at all times during this event.**

*If you want your child not to participate in outdoor viewing activities planned on August 21st for the eclipse, please review, sign and return this form as soon as possible, alternative activities will be held inside during this period.

By not signing this permission slip, you as an adult student or parent of a minor child, are acknowledging that you are aware of the risks associated with this event, are freely assuming those risks, and waive the right to pursue any and all claims against the District, its agents, employees, Board of Education members, insurers, and others acting on the District's behalf (collectively, "Releasees"), of and from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and/or legal liabilities for eye injury, property damage, injuries to or death of me/my son/daughter occurring during, or resulting from the Solar Eclipse Viewing, even if the cause, damages or injuries are alleged to be the fault of or caused by the negligence or carelessness of the Releasees.

Consent and Release

Student Name: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

I, parent/guardian of (or adult student): _____, do NOT give consent for my son/daughter/me to participate in outdoor Solar Eclipse Viewing activities to view the Eclipse on August 21, 2017.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____