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Dear WCUSD #15 Families,

On Monday, August 21, 2017, a total eclipse will cross the entire country, coast-to-coast, for the first time since 1918. Weather permitting; the entire continent will have the opportunity to view an eclipse as the moon passes in front of the sun, casting a shadow on Earth's surface. (www.nasa.gov). WCUSD #15 students will be learning about the eclipse during the first days of school and all students and staff will go outside to watch the eclipse during the afternoon of August 21st.

The WCUSD #15 has purchased approved eclipse-safe viewing glasses for students and staff. The eclipse glasses have certification information with a designated **ISO 12312-2** international standard which is approved by NASA and the American Astronomical Society.

Students Safety is a top priority. We will take all precautionary measures to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. Students will not be permitted to look at the sun or partially eclipsed sun through cameras, telescopes, binoculars, or other optical devices, with or without glasses. All students will be required to wear eclipse-safe viewing glasses. Please help us keep your child safe and counsel/discuss the importance of wearing these safety glasses with your child in advance. As an additional safety measure the students will be kept inside during the day until the Solar Eclipse school observation.

If you as the parent or guardian would choose to not let your child participate in the Solar Eclipse observation, please contact your Building Administrator to opt out of the activity.

If you have any additional questions about the Solar Eclipse observation at your child's school, please contact the building administrator of your child's school.

Sincerely,

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