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RE: Information Regarding the Upcoming Solar Eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

A partial solar eclipse will occur on Monday, August 21, 2017. The eclipse will occur approximately between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Lunenburg County Public Schools is taking precautionary measures to ensure student and staff safety. Statistics have shown that looking directly at the sun during an eclipse, even for a short time, can cause permanent vision damage. Therefore, Lunenburg County Public Schools is taking the following precautions to minimize any danger to students

- Dismissal on Monday, August 21st will be delayed. Secondary schools will be dismissed at 3:45 p.m. and Elementary schools will be dismissed at 4:00 p.m. No students are permitted to wait outside for car or bus pickup.
- All routine outdoor activities will be moved indoors during the time of the eclipse.
- If for some reason your child needs to leave school early on August 21, 2017 then pickups must be before 12:30 p.m.
- An instant alert will be sent out to parents/guardians to remind them to practice caution during the eclipse. Also please be mindful that bus routes will be delayed in the afternoon approximately 30-40 minutes on Monday, August 21, 2017.
- If you do not want your child to attend school the day of the eclipse, your child will be excused from school. You will simply need to send a note to school saying that you chose to keep your child at home.

Be assured our plan is to make this day a fun, memorable educational experience for our students. The safety of our students and staff will always be our top priority. Thank you in advance for working together with us during this rare occasion.