



ALIQUIPPA SCHOOL DISTRICT

DR. PHILLIP K. WOODS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

March 27, 2024,

Dear Parents and Families,

Due to safety concerns with dismissal occurring during the eclipse, please be advised that the Aliquippa School District will follow Pennsylvania Department of Education's guidance and facilitate an Early Dismissal (Half Day) for the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. After school activities and events may proceed following the event.

An early dismissal on the day of the eclipse for safety purposes may be coded as an early dismissal for inclement weather. Since early dismissals for inclement weather are defined as instructional activities (22 P.S. §11.8), the day will count as a full day of instruction; notification to PDE is not required.

As we approach the eagerly anticipated solar eclipse on April 8th, I wanted to address some important considerations for our educational community.

First and foremost, safety is paramount. While solar eclipses are awe-inspiring events, it's essential to remind students, staff, and parents about the importance of using proper eye protection when observing the eclipse. Additionally, one must ensure that any planned eclipse viewing activities adhere to safety guidelines provided by reputable sources such as NASA or the American Astronomical Society.

Below is a link to NASA's recommendations for safely viewing the upcoming solar eclipse:

<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/safety/>

Below is a link to the American Astronomical Society's recommendations for safely viewing the upcoming solar eclipse:

<https://aas.org/press/american-astronomical-society-offers-warnings-reassurances-eclipse-glasses>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's building administration if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Education,

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Superintendent of Schools

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