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Mr. Keith Hale, Superintendent

Dear Scottie Families and Students:

On August 21st, 2017, we will experience the first total solar eclipse since 1900. According to Western Kentucky University, the **total** eclipse is expected to begin at 1:27:23 p.m. and ends at 1:28:39 p.m. (1 m 16 s).

Glasgow Independent Schools will be IN SESSION at this historic time. Though some school districts chose to close on this day, we reached the decision to remain open for two specific reasons: First, a once in a lifetime event, this truly is a unique learning opportunity that can be further enhanced with classroom instruction our teachers are excited to share. Second, we want to take every precaution to keep our students safe, utilizing the protective eye wear generously donated to area school districts from Western Kentucky University.

Our learning team met over the summer and agreed that grades 6-12 may be afforded the opportunity of a live viewing of the eclipse wearing protective glasses; while our younger students, grades K-5, may view eclipse via NASA livestream from the safety of their classrooms. This is the plan we feel will both protect our students and promote a once in lifetime learning event.

We are requiring consent for your student (grades 6-12) to participate in this event and will require that the Solar Eclipse consent form be signed and returned to the school by Friday morning, August 18, 2017. Otherwise, we are happy to accommodate alternative viewing of the eclipse through livestream.

As such, any elementary parents who wish to provide opportunity for live viewing may choose to keep their child at home with an *EHO request form*. Those forms are available on our website (district parent page) or for pick up at the home school and should be submitted to the front office by Friday the 18th. With this form completed and submitted, the elementary student will be considered excused from school that day.

We are looking forward to working together to make this once in a lifetime event meaningful for the students in Glasgow Independent Schools.

Sincerely,

Keith Hale
Superintendent

Resources:

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-live-stream>

<http://www.wku.edu/eclipse/>

<http://www.weather.gov/sgf/SolarEclipse>

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