



*Brett Yeagley, Superintendent*

*Jason Schatzel, Treasurer*

February 21, 2024

Dear Wildcat Staff, Students, and Families,

**Canton Local Schools will be closed on Monday, April 8, 2024**, due to our location in the path of the solar eclipse. The decision to close for a calamity day was made in collaboration with Stark County school districts and local agencies, including the Stark County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), for the safety of our students and staff.

Our foremost concern is ensuring everyone's safety, especially with the anticipated increase in traffic during this extraordinary event. The eclipse is expected to coincide with dismissal and travel times, presenting potential challenges for our students and staff. By following the advice of the Stark County EMA, we've concluded that keeping our students off the roads during peak travel and blackout periods is the best course of action.

If you or your family plans to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness the eclipse, we encourage you to do so safely by following the recommended viewing procedures at [ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse](https://ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse).

We understand the importance of providing ample time for families to plan for this school closure, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued support of Canton Local Schools.

Sincerely,

Brett Yeagley  
*Superintendent*