



**TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff, and Students,

On Monday, April 8, 2024, the Pittsburgh area will be within the pathway of a solar eclipse to occur between 2:00 PM and 4:30 PM EDT, according to NASA and the Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC). The SWPC and Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) have published guidelines for school districts to review in the interest of students' safety, for viewing the eclipse without taking proper precautions can permanently damage the eyes. Because the eclipse is expected to occur during the dismissal window for all Trinity students, the District will take measures to prevent students from being outside during a time when they might be tempted to view the event.

Per the PDE's recommendation, all Trinity Area students will have a Flexible Instruction Day (FID) on Monday, April 8, 2024. A special schedule to support at-home, remote instruction will be drafted and shared with students, staff, and parents so they can plan for the FID. The FID will be structured to support a day's worth of learning and allow families the opportunity to view this historic event safely from their homes. Trinity's academic calendar meets all State requirements for teaching and learning, so students will not need to make up the FID. In sum, this FID will "count," and we are happy to offer families the option to partake safely in this memorable event.

We hope that this advance notice will help you organize your day on April 8. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the building principal.

Let's make memories together and safely witness history in the making!

Trinity Area Administration