



March 28, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the anticipated solar eclipse is scheduled to occur on April 8th, the day we return from spring break, please take a moment to read the information below.

Unlike the total eclipse of 2017, our region is predicted to experience a partial eclipse. Several websites and media outlets report that the eclipse is expected to begin around 1:45 PM and end sometime before 5:00 PM. Our area should have about 85-90% of the sun obscured by the moon at the max of the partial eclipse, and will most likely appear similar to an overcast day. It may seem a little dimmer in the middle of the afternoon, but our area is not predicted to experience total darkness.

Dade County Schools will dismiss at regular dismissal times. However, if you would like to sign your child out prior to the scheduled eclipse time, you may do so and it will be coded as an excused, early sign out. If you choose to sign your child out, we encourage you to do so before 2:00 PM to help eliminate any traffic congestions on school campuses.

Despite being a partial eclipse, this event does in fact present learning opportunities for students. Our teachers are certainly welcome to integrate activities within their lessons that align with the Georgia Standards on the day of this event, especially in the content areas of science.

We hope you all have a SAFE and enjoyable spring break!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

Dade County Schools