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Dear Mount Vernon City School District & Community,

A total solar eclipse will cross the North American continent on Monday, April 8, 2024. To ensure our students and staff can observe the total solar eclipse with their families, there will be a half-day of school on Monday, April 8, 2024. Dismissal times will be as follows:

High School Students	11:30 am
Pre-K-8 Students	12:00 pm
District Office	1:00 pm

What is a Total Solar Eclipse?

A total solar eclipse occurs when the Earth's Moon passes between the Sun and Earth and completely blocks the face of the Sun. As a result, the observable sky will darken.

Eclipse Safety

Observing the eclipse without the appropriate eye protection is unsafe and can cause severe eye injury. Please click on the link below to learn more about how to protect yourself when observing the total eclipse.

<https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/safety/>

Thank you and please be safe when observing this historic once-in-a-lifetime event.

Sincerely,

Dr. K. Veronica Smith
Acting Superintendent of Schools

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