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To: Parents of PK-12 students at Howells-Dodge Community Schools

Re: Solar Eclipse, August 21

On August 21, 2017, Howells-Dodge Consolidated Schools will be in the path to view a partial solar eclipse. This event is being called "The Great American Solar Eclipse," because it is the first time since 1918 a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States.

Planning is already underway to ensure our students can experience this once-in-a-lifetime event. Eclipse-safe viewing glasses have been purchased for students.

Safety is always a top priority for Howells-Dodge Consolidated. We will take all precautionary measures with both students and staff to make this experience both safe and enjoyable. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, **are not safe** for looking at the sun. Students will not be permitted to look at the un-eclipsed or partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars or other optical devices, with or without glasses. **At no time should students or participants remove their eclipse glasses and look directly at the sun as it could cause permanent eye damage or other unknown affects. It is very difficult for the school to guarantee that your child will not remove his/her eclipse glasses, so please speak with your children about the importance of keeping their eclipse glasses on at all times during this event (For more information regarding the safety certification of the special viewing glasses, please visit www.eclipseglasses.com/pages/safety).**

Because of these safety concerns, a parent signature on this sheet is required by August 21 in order for students to participate using the eclipse glasses. Students whose parents either do not complete this form or choose to opt out their child will not participate. **Parents can fill out a form including all HDC students in their household.**

PARENT NAME: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

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