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Dear City of Burlington School Community,

On April 8, 2024, North America will experience a solar eclipse, a rare occurrence where the moon partially or fully obscures the sun. In our geographic area, the eclipse is scheduled to start at 2:08 P.M., peak at 3:24 P.M., and end at 4:35 P.M. While this is an exciting scientific event, it is crucial to follow safety precautions. Looking directly at the sun, even during an eclipse, can cause permanent eye damage.

The safety of our students is our top priority. Therefore, the Burlington City School District will implement the following measures both before and during the eclipse:

- **Educational Lessons:** Throughout the week of March 25th, students will learn about the solar eclipse, including important safety measures students should adhere to during peak times.
- **Adjusted Classroom Activities:** During the peak viewing time of the eclipse, classroom activities will be adjusted to avoid looking directly at the sun. There will be no outdoor activities during peak viewing times on April 8th and students will be closely supervised to ensure they do not attempt to view the eclipse unsafely.
- **After-School Outdoor Activities:** All school related, after-school outdoor activities will be canceled on Monday, April 8, 2024.

For students who wish to observe the eclipse outside of school, we encourage parents and guardians to follow these safety guidelines:

- **Never look directly at the sun.**
- **Use specially certified solar eclipse glasses.** These glasses should have an ISO [International Organization for Standardization] certification label. **Regular sunglasses or homemade filters are not safe.**
- **Learn more about the solar eclipse.** Parents/guardians are encouraged to share in this extraordinary event with their children and can learn more at: <https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/april-8-2024>

If you have questions about the solar eclipse or the safety measures the District is implementing please do not hesitate to contact my office at 609-387-5870 or email at cbsdinfo@burlington-nj.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Russell".

John Russell, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Board of Education