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Monday, March 25, 2024

Dear Southmoreland Family,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to inform you of an important scheduling change. To prioritize the safety of our students during the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, we will implement a **2 hour early dismissal**.

This decision, made in consultation with professionals and the other districts in Westmoreland County, addresses several safety concerns:

Eye Safety: The eclipse poses a risk of retina damage without proper eye protection. Despite plans to educate on safe viewing, the risk of students inadvertently looking at the eclipse during dismissal is significant.

Road Safety: With the eclipse occurring during dismissal, distracted driving is a concern. AAA advises staying off the roads to prevent accidents caused by reduced attention from drivers and pedestrians.

We also recognize the eclipse offers a unique educational opportunity for families to experience and discuss this rare event together safely.

We understand this change may disrupt plans and apologize for any inconvenience. This decision was made with our students' safety and well-being as our primary focus.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

SOLAR ECLIPSE DAY

The Southmoreland School District will have a 2hr Early Dismissal on Monday, April 8th.

All after school events and activities will be moved to a later start time or a different date.

"Cultivating Lifelong Learners Ready For An Ever-Changing World"

"HIGH QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL"