



A note from the Superintendent

March 21, 2024

NOTICE OF CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR DUE TO SOLAR ECLIPSE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to share an upcoming opportunity for our students and community to witness a rare total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. This celestial event presents a unique and educational experience, and we are eager to ensure that all our students can observe and learn from it safely.

We have adjusted our April 8, 2024, school schedule to facilitate this. On that day, Ida Elementary School will dismiss at 11:36 a.m., while Ida Middle School and Ida High School will dismiss at 11:46 a.m. This half-day schedule will allow families to experience the eclipse together and alleviate any safety concerns arising from our regular dismissal times coinciding with the eclipse timeline.

Additionally, the district has ordered solar eclipse glasses for all our students and staff members. These glasses meet all International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards for solar eclipse viewing, ensuring the safety of everyone involved. The glasses will be sent home with students before the event date. We encourage you to engage with your child(ren) at home, discussing the eclipse and exploring related topics together.

For further information on safely viewing the eclipse, I encourage you to visit NASA's website on Eclipse Safety at <https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/>.

I am grateful for your dedication and partnership in ensuring that Ida Public Schools remains the best district in the state. Your flexibility and support are invaluable to our success.

If you have any questions or concerns about the half-day schedule or eclipse viewing, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
David Eack