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Dear GCCS Parents/Guardians:

On August 21, 2017, our nation will experience a solar eclipse for the first time since 1918. The “Great American Solar Eclipse” will be visible on a path across the entire continental United States. While not in the path for a total eclipse, Clark County (IN) will be able to view a significant partial eclipse (96%) where the majority of the sun will be covered by the moon. The eclipse will begin at approximately 12:50 p.m. and end at approximately 3:51 p.m. Due to the timing of the event, schools will be in session and dismiss at their normal time, with the exception of Jeffersonville High School which will delay dismissal until 2:35 p.m. Attendance will be taken as normal and students absences will be excused with parental permission, but the absence will count against perfect attendance.

The district recognizes the amazing educational opportunity for our students and understands this is a once in a lifetime experience. The safety of our students and staff is always our top priority and in order to safely experience this event, the district has purchased eclipse safe viewing glasses. Homemade filters and ordinary sunglasses, even the darkest ones, are not safe for looking directly at the sun. Because of the safety concerns, a parent or guardian will need to complete the following release/waiver for their student to participate in a school/classroom eclipse activity. Students without a signed waiver will view televised coverage or complete an alternative activity from inside the school building during the eclipse. Please return the completed waiver to your child’s school by Friday, August 18.

Parental Consent

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We, parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give consent for my/our son/daughter to participate in this school-approved activity to view the “Great American Solar Eclipse” on August 21, 2017 using eclipse-safe viewing glasses. I/We understand that viewing the eclipse involves risks, which could result in injury to the eyes, if eclipse-safe viewing glasses are not worn properly. I/We hereby release Greater Clark County Schools as well as any and all of its faculty and staff and volunteers from any and all liability for any and all harm arising to my/our son/daughter as a result of this school-approved activity.

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

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Date

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature

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Date

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