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CITY OF BAKER SCHOOL SYSTEM

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Herman Brister, Ed.D., Superintendent

Board Members

August 15, 2017

Elaine G. Davis
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Dana Carpenter,
Ph.D.
Vice President
District 2

On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of North America will experience an eclipse of the sun. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon blocks any part of the sun. While Louisiana is not one of the 14 states where the moon will completely cover the view of the sun, we will still get a good look at a partial eclipse. The eclipse will occur in our area beginning at 11:57 a.m. Nearly 75% of the sun will be covered around 1:26 p.m.

Rosatina Johnson
President
District 3

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District 4

Safety during the eclipse viewing is our top priority. The sun will never be totally covered during our eclipse experience. Therefore, looking directly at it is unsafe. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. For more information regarding the safety certification of special viewing glasses, please visit <https://eclipse.aas.org/eye-safety/safe-viewing>.

Calvin Dees, Sr.
District 5

Because of our concern for the safety of our students, the following precautionary measures will be taken:

- P.E. classes during the eclipse will be held indoors.
- Students will have indoor recess during the time of the eclipse.
- Some students may have the opportunity to participate in eclipse viewing during science class or through grade-level activities (**only if the proper eclipse-safe viewing glasses are available and the school has a signed permission form**).

A solar eclipse is a memory to last a lifetime! Taking these precautionary measures and following these important rules will ensure an enjoyable and safe experience for our students.

More information about the 2017 solar eclipse can be found on NASA's website at <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>. A short YouTube video also explains the solar eclipse at <https://youtu.be/8jaxiha8-rY>.

Sincerely,

Herman Brister, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Solar Eclipse Viewing Permission Form

On August 21, 2017, the City of Baker School System will be in the path of a partial solar eclipse. Referred to as "The Great American Solar Eclipse," it will be visible across the entire continental United States for the first time since 1918.

Safety is of utmost concern. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, regardless of darkness level, are not safe for looking at the sun. Students will not be permitted to view the partially eclipsed sun through unfiltered cameras, telescopes, binoculars, or other optical devices missing the ISO 12312-2 designation. (For more information regarding the safety certification of the special viewing glasses, please visit www.eclipseglasses.com/pages/safety)

If you wish for your student to participate in direct viewing of the eclipse, you acknowledge and agree that you do hereby release, on your behalf and on behalf of your student, the City of Baker School Board, its teachers, administrators, agents and employees from any and all liability or damages as allowed by law pertaining to the viewing of the eclipse. Please sign below indicating that your child may participate in the solar eclipse viewing with appropriate safety glasses and your agreement to the release.

Student Name: _____ Signature _____

Parent Name: _____ Signature _____

____ I grant permission for my child to view the solar eclipse with safety glasses and acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of this Permission Form.

____ I do not grant permission for my child to view the solar eclipse.