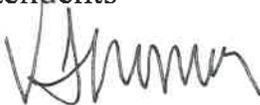




MEMORANDUM

TO: School Principals and Superintendents

FROM: Verna Thomas, Delegated PM 
Office of Standards, Curriculum & Assessment Development
Department of Diné Education

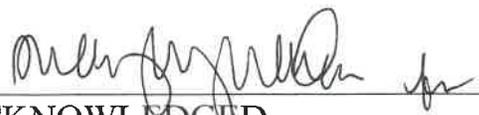
Date: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT: TOTAL LUNAR ECLIPSE

This letter serves as a notification to schools regarding a Total Lunar Eclipse on March 3, 2026. Please see attachment for the global event obtained from the National Weather Services.

The lunar eclipse has always been honored from the beginning of time by our Diné forefathers and elders. A lunar eclipse is considered a sacred occurrence and process of which the natural order phenomena is highly respected. Some households may have their own rules for their families while others may continue a normal day. Some students may still have elders and parents who still respect all life cycles including the natural order of events such as the eclipse.

For this purpose, please excuse all the students and staff who maintain respect for the eclipse. In addition, please excuse students who are absent or may be tardy for school on March 3, 2026. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.


ACKNOWLEDGED

Date 3/2/26

Claudia Edgewater, NN Superintendent of Schools

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Global Event:	Total Lunar Eclipse
Local Type:	Total Lunar Eclipse in Phoenix, Arizona
Begins:	Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:44 am
Maximum:	Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 4:33 am 1.150 Magnitude
Ends:	Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 6:58 am
Duration:	5 hours, 14 minutes

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Global Event:	Total Lunar Eclipse
Local Type:	Total Lunar Eclipse in Flagstaff, Arizona
Begins:	Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:44 am
Maximum:	Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 4:33 am 1.150 Magnitude
Ends:	Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 6:57 am
Duration:	5 hours, 13 minutes

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Global Event:	Total Lunar Eclipse
Local Type:	Total Lunar Eclipse in Window Rock, Arizona
Begins:	Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 1:44 am
Maximum:	Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 4:33 am 1.150 Magnitude
Ends:	Tue, Mar 3, 2026 at 6:47 am
Duration:	5 hours, 3 minutes