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To: The parents of children registered in the Franklin County School District,

On April 8, 2024 the moon will pass between the earth and the sun for the first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse of 2024. Millions of Americans in 13 states will be able to watch this solar spectacle that will turn day into night for a couple of minutes. Tennessee is among the states that is on the eastern edge of the eclipse zone and some portions of the state will be one of the best places to experience this rare phenomenon.

The Franklin County School District is planning now for its students participate in the event. Curriculum and lectures concerning the scientific relevance of the occurrence have been prepared and the students will be asked to participate in a safe viewing experience of the event. The curriculum has been designed to include instructions on methods of safe viewing of an eclipse complete with warnings regarding attempts to watch this event without protecting one's eyes. The Franklin County School District will exercise care and careful supervision for all students who participate in this event. However, to be sure that parents are well-informed regarding the activities, we ask that you sign a release. The release contains two provisions: (1) a general release for student participation; and (2) a release of liability covering the school system. These releases are available through your child's school.

If you have questions concerning this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact the Franklin County School District.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Cary Holman, Director of Schools