

Dr. Juliette Pennyman, Superintendent of Schools

April 1, 2024

The following letter has updated information. Please read!

Dear Hudson City School District Families,

The Hudson City School District received guidance from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and Questar III BOCES in regard to an impending solar eclipse that will be visible in New York State on Monday, April 8, 2024.

New York State will be one of 11 contiguous states situated within the path of totality for the total solar eclipse. Several regions of the state will be in the direct path of totality. Other parts will be able to view a partial solar eclipse. This presents a unique educational opportunity for students to learn about this exciting astronomical event, and an ideal teachable moment for educators to delve into the wonders of the cosmos.

With the health and safety of students, staff and the school community being the District's top priority, I would like to share with you details and considerations for the eclipse:

- At this time, the Hudson City School District will remain open on Monday, April 8, 2024. **As a precautionary measure, there will be no after school outdoor activities, athletics, clubs, meetings or programs, including the 21st Century After School Program, for students, faculty and staff on Monday, April 8, 2024.**
- The eclipse will begin shortly after 2 p.m., overlapping with school dismissal.
- Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the moon completely blocks the sun's bright face, it is unsafe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. If you are to view the eclipse, the Hudson City School District, NYSED and Questar III BOCES advise to wear eclipse glasses or use a handheld solar viewer during the partial eclipse phases before and after totality.
- [Click here](#) to view a list compiled by the American Astronomical Society (AAS) of North American retailers carrying approved eclipse glasses and solar viewers.
- Resources from NASA and the AAS on how to safely view a solar eclipse can be found by [clicking here](#) (NASA) and [here](#) (AAS).
- Please view the attached PDF documents explaining eclipse viewing safety, maintenance of viewers and more.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!



Sincerely,

Dr. Juliette Pennyman
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Hudson City School District
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