



## Hancock County Board of Education

"Where Excellence is the Standard!"

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### GEORGIA TO EXPERIENCE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Hancock County Schools to release at 12PM on August 21, 2017

August 9, 2017

Dear Parent (s) and/or Guardian(s):

On Monday, August 21, 2017, all of North America will be treated to a rare event—a total solar eclipse of the sun. Anyone within the path of totality can see one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights. To give you and your child an opportunity to enjoy this rare event, all schools within the Hancock County School District will observe **an early release on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 12:00 PM**. Car riders may be picked up from all schools beginning at 11:30 AM.

The National Weather Service has predicted that the middle Georgia area will observe the eclipse between the hours of 1:08 PM and 4:04 PM Eastern Standard Time. The last time that the continental U.S. saw a total eclipse was in 1979.

Parents, guardians, and students are reminded to refrain from looking directly at the sun during the eclipse as it could result in permanent damage to his/her retina. For more information regarding the solar eclipse and how to protect your eyes, please visit <http://www.weather.gov/source/crh/eclipse.html?sid=ffc>.

We look forward to an exciting school year and thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles R. Culver  
Superintendent of Schools

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#### Vision:

*The Hancock County School District is committed to providing each student with a well-rounded educational program, leading to college entrance and/or career pathways which will foster economic independence and social responsibility in the twenty-first century. In addition, a partnership of staff, parents and community stakeholders will prepare students to become responsible citizens and productive members of the communities in which they live and work.*