



# Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

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Dear GJUESD Families,

RE: Important Information Regarding the April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse

We wanted to ensure that you are well informed about the upcoming solar eclipse scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2024. A solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and the earth, casting a shadow on the earth's surface. In the Sacramento area, the eclipse is expected to begin at 10:16 am and conclude around 12:18 pm, with its peak occurring at 11:15 am when the sun will be partially obscured by the moon. All schools will be on a regular school day schedule during the eclipse.

## **Safety for Students During the Solar Eclipse:**

Ensuring the safety of our students during the solar eclipse is critical. While students may be outdoors for various school activities such as class changes, recess, or physical education, it is imperative that they understand and adhere to safety protocols. We kindly request that parents review safety procedures with their children, emphasizing never to look directly at the sun without proper eye protection. On the day of the eclipse, our teachers and staff will closely monitor students and remind them of the importance of protecting their eyes.

## **Solar Eclipse Eye Safety Facts and Information:**

Looking directly at the sun without proper eye protection is unsafe. It is only safe to look directly at the sun through special solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses," that comply with the transmittance requirements of the ISO 12312-2 international standard. Ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun.

Thank you for your support,

GJUESD Administration

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The school district's mission is to promote growth and achievement through innovative educational programs that integrate personal strengths, social-emotional and academic learning for all children.

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