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TO: District Superintendents
School Principals
Teachers

FROM: Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: May 22, 2017

SUBJECT: Eclipse Safety Information

RESOURCES FOR ECLIPSE SAFETY INFORMATION

On August 21, 2017 a solar eclipse will pass through Wyoming. Communities such as Casper, Pavilion, Shoshoni, Riverton, Douglas, Glendo, Thermopolis, Lusk, and Torrington will experience a total solar eclipse. Communities on either side of the path will experience some fraction of coverage of the sun.

Because of the rarity of this kind of event, many students may not fully understand the extreme danger of trying to look at a solar eclipse without adequate eye protection. Given the risk of partial or total blindness, the Wyoming Department of Education is encouraging schools to ensure students are adequately instructed, warned, and advised of the potential danger to their sight when viewing an eclipse.

Helpful resources include:

- www.timeanddate.com/eclipse/eclipse-tips-safety.html
- eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEhelp/safety2.html
- www.eclipse2017.org/eclipse2017_eye%20safety.HTM

No one should attempt to look at a solar eclipse directly unless they have eye protection that is specifically designed to look at the sun.

For questions, please contact Bruce Hayes, Education Consultant, at bruce.hayes@wyo.gov or 307-777-6198.