Linking Learning to Life

TO: The parents of children registered in the Marshall County School System:

On August 21, 2017, the moon will pass between the earth and the sun for the first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse since 1918. Millions of Americans in 12 states will be able to watch this solar spectacle that will briefly turn day into night. Tennessee is among the 12 states that have been declared to be a best place to experience this rare phenomenon.

The Marshall County School System is planning now for its students to 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 Marshall County School System has purchased (or will supply) safe viewing glasses to allow the students to participate safely. Additionally, 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. For more on safely viewing the eclipse visit: https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety

Marshall County Schools 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 this release. The release contains two provisions: (1) a general release for student participation; and (2) a release of liability covering the school system.

If you have questions concerning this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact your school. If you choose to keep your student at home during this event, you must use one of your allotted parent notes.

RELEASE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOLAR ECLIPSE ACTIVITIES

I/We, as parent, guardian, or legal custodian of _____ give permission for the above named student to participate in school activities related to viewing the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017.

I/We understand that the Marshall County School System will provide curriculum and instruction relative to the scientific relevance of a solar eclipse that includes safety warnings concerning proper methods of watching a solar eclipse. I/We also understand that the Marshall County School System will provide approved equipment or methods of watching the eclipse. I/We further understand that the school system will provide proper supervision for the students who participate. Finally, I/we understand that there is risk associated with this activity if proper procedures for viewing a solar eclipse are not strictly followed. I/We have discussed following proper procedures with our child.

Knowing the above, I/we release _____ to participate in the events and activities associated with observing the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017, and agree that the Marshall County School System and its employees will not be held liable for any injury that may occur as a result of event participation.

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Parent Printed Name	Parent Signature	Date