

## **Huntingdon Area School District**

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## Dear Families and Guardians:

A rare total solar eclipse will happen on April 8, 2024. It is projected to impact our area in Pennsylvania during the hours of 2:00-4:30 p.m. One of the concerns is safety for vision if the eclipse is viewed outside the guidelines.Please see additional information: <a href="https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/SolarEclipse/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.education.pa.gov/K-12/SolarEclipse/Pages/default.aspx</a>

The PA Department of Education is treating this as a "weather event" and therefore has suggested and given districts in the Commonwealth the ability to dismiss early. Out of an abundance of caution, we will dismiss early on April 8, 2024 as allowable. Secondary students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. with no afternoon CTC classes. Elementary students will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m.

Athletic events scheduled for this day will be adjusted to another date by the Athletic Director and be communicated out at a later date. Extracurricular activities and sports practices may be scheduled after 5 p.m. on that day as scheduled by individual coaches and directors.

We understand that changes to schedules and events are not favorable, but due to the circumstances, we feel it necessary to do so. Thank you for your cooperation and patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Mitchell Superintendent

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