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Dear APS Families,

Due to the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017, Atlanta Public Schools will **delay dismissal** for all students by 30 minutes. This extension of the instructional day will allow students to experience the solar eclipse while also ensuring student and staff safety.

According to National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA), the solar eclipse will be visible (weather permitting) across all of North America and in Atlanta from around 1:02 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

APS teachers will engage students in the investigation of the solar eclipse through various grade-band specific activities and instructional lessons. All staff have been provided with safety information. Additionally, the district has ordered over 50,000 “eclipse glasses” for students to safely view the eclipse.

Please notify your child’s teacher if you would like for your child to **not** participate in any eclipse-related activities. You are welcome to pick up your child early if you choose, however, the buses will run 30 minutes past the regular times.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s school.

Sincerely,

Atlanta Public Schools
Department of Teaching and Learning