Safety Advisory for Bus Drivers

In the afternoon of Monday, August 21st, 2017 (the first day of school) Broward County will experience a partial solar eclipse. A partial solar eclipse is when the moon moves between the Earth and the sun. The partial solar eclipse will begin at 1:26 p.m. and last until 4:20 p.m. with a maximum coverage being reached at 2:57 p.m.

**Observing the sun can be dangerous to the eyes if proper precautions are not taken.**

Due to the partial solar eclipse:

- **It is NOT SAFE to look directly at the partially obscured sun.** Only devices recognized by NASA and AAS with a solar filter meeting ISO 12312-2 International Safety Standard, such as “eclipse glasses”, can be used to safely watch the eclipse. Homemade devices cannot be used to view the eclipse.

- **Bus Drivers to inform students NOT to look directly at the partially obscured sun which can cause blindness.** Even looking directly at a small part of the eclipse is too dangerous, as the normal squint response will not occur and the eye will be exposed to dangerous amounts of UV light.

- **Distracted drivers and pedestrians are a likelihood on this day.** All Bus Drivers are asked to use extreme caution while on the roads and around our schools that afternoon. As Always, DEFENSIVE DRIVING is the key to protecting your students and yourself.


Thank you in advance for your support. If there are additional questions please forward them to the Environmental Health & Safety Department, at 754-321-4200.