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Attention Rockton Families,

As you may be aware, a rare total solar eclipse is set to unfold on Monday, April 8, 2024, creating temporary darkness over certain parts of Ontario.

Within our region, it is our understanding the eclipse will begin at approximately 2:03 pm and conclude about 4:31 pm, roughly lasting 2 hours and 27 minutes.

HWDSB in partnership with McMaster University will be providing solar eclipse viewers for all HWDSB staff and students. Solar eclipse viewers must meet the international standard ISO 12312-2 for safe viewing. Looking directly at the Sun with the naked eye or through any device or filter other than ISO 12312-2 certified eclipse glasses may cause permanent damage and even blindness.

Staff and students are reminded to make sure that the glasses are not damaged or scratched before use. Instructions for use can be found on the back side of the solar eclipse viewers.

For more about this Solar Eclipse and how to view safely please visit these sites:

Total Solar Eclipse – McMaster University

<https://www.hamilton.ca/things-do/festivals-events/2024-solar-eclipse>

For a video of a total solar eclipse:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grUhpSRKc-o>

Thank you