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TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Solar Eclipse Safety Precautions

On Monday, Aug. 21, oursafety precautions.

According to NASA, the only safe way to look directly at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed sun is through special-purpose solar filters, such as “eclipse glasses” or hand-held solar viewers. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses (even very dark ones) are not safe for looking at the sun.

To view the crescent sun at any point during the partial eclipse in Texas, teachers should ensure their students:

- Look at it directly through special goggles;
- Look at it indirectly with a home-made pinhole projector; or
- Look at it indirectly by taking binoculars or a telescope, and orienting them so they project the shadow onto the ground.

Special goggles for eclipse viewing may be found – for a cost of around \$2 each – at some local