



Teaching and Learning Department BOE Report, June 27, 2017

1. **Item of Information:** Solar Eclipse Plans – Delayed Release
Goal Area 1: Academic Achievement
Goal Area 2: Stakeholder Engagement
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Barrow County is close to the path of “total darkness” during the Solar Eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017, just two and ½ weeks into the new school year. Around 2:38 p.m., the sun will be more than 95% covered by the moon for Georgians north of Macon and Savannah (99% in Athens). This will be the most important natural phenomena to occur in this region of Georgia in over 30 years. The last time there was an eclipse in Georgia of this magnitude was in 1984.

We want our teachers to have the opportunity to teach their students about the eclipse; how they occur and how to safely view them with the special eclipse glasses we plan to purchase for all staff and students.

Since the eclipse will not be over until about 4 p.m. in this part of the state, we plan to delay release on 8-21-17 by approximately 30 minutes.

