Community Unit School District #7

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Dear Parents/ Community Members,

I am writing to inform you of a safety recall that involves eclipse glasses distributed by our school district. Please note the glasses used by students and staff have been independently verified as being safe - but we are still recommending they not be used in the future.

The glasses purchased by our district were marketed and are labeled as meeting all recommended safety requirements (eg. ISO 12312-2:2015).

This morning, it came to our attention that the glasses are part of a recall "out of an abundance of caution," due to a risk that the manufacturer may have misrepresented the factory they were made in. The recall indicates that whether authentic or counterfeit, these particular glasses appear to be safe.

Upon learning of a potential issue, our district immediately investigated the situation and collaborated with the astronomy lab at the U of I to test the eclipse glasses that were used. As a result of this investigation, it has been verified through testing at the university that our eclipse glasses <u>do provide</u> appropriate protection for viewing solar phenomena and <u>do not pose a risk to those who have used</u> them.

Despite being considered safe, we recommend all recipients of these glasses cease using them immediately and dispose of them.

We sincerely apologize for concern this may cause but also wish to be transparent with our families. Ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community members is our top priority, and we take any potential safety concerns very seriously.

Sincerely,

Andrew Larson, Unit 7 Superintendent

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