



April 7, 2021

MBS Family,

As you know, our state's mask mandate expires this Friday, April 9. The end of the mandate underscores the considerable gains we have achieved in the fight against the coronavirus in recent months and represents another milestone in our collective return to normalcy. While we are thrilled with the progress we have made, we understand the coronavirus remains a viable threat and should be treated cautiously.

Mountain Brook Schools will require students, faculty, staff, and school visitors to wear masks when indoors at all of our campuses starting Monday, April 12. However, they will no longer be required when individuals are outdoors and socially distanced. Up to this point in the school year, masks have been required whenever an individual enters school property.

This change dovetails with our other plans to create a better sense of normalcy throughout our school system this spring. There will be events to celebrate our students taking place at every school, most of which will be held outdoors. You will receive more details from your local school principal about all that will be happening in the coming weeks.

You can [click here to view a video](#) explaining our new masking adjustment. An episode of the MBS Podcast will also publish on Friday if you would like to learn more.

Please know that we will continue to confront any challenge that arises with care, concern, and intentionality. We are looking forward to finishing this most unusual school year as strongly as ever.

Thank you for your steadfast support.

Sincerely,

Dicky Barlow, Ed. D.
Superintendent
Mountain Brook Schools