

March 17, 2020

MBS Family,

We hope that you and your families are doing as well as you can amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Life certainly looks a lot different today than it did one week ago, and it will probably look a lot different one week from today given the fluidity of the situation.

Just last night, Mountain Brook Mayor Stewart Welch declared a public health emergency in our city. The declaration prohibits the public or organized gathering of 10 or more people, bans on-premise consumption at local restaurants and bars for a week, and closes all public athletic fields and restrooms, among other items. The full declaration can be viewed [here](#).

Mountain Brook Schools supports the city's declaration and encourages all residents to abide by its directives. Minimizing the impact of COVID-19 in our community will require a strong collective effort. Undeniably, we are more than capable of uniting for the common good.

In that regard, Mountain Brook Schools wants to make you aware of the many organizations and school systems offering free meals to students during the current school closure. They include the Levite Jewish Community Center, to which the Mountain Brook Child Nutrition Program has donated milk, produce, yogurt, and other perishable items. Here is a [list of places](#) offering free meals to students in the surrounding area.

Additionally, we want to let you know that ACT has rescheduled its April 4 national testing date to June 13 due to concerns about COVID-19. All students registered to take the test April 4 should receive an email from ACT in the next few days with information about the postponement and instructions for rescheduling.

The AP program also is developing resources to help schools support student learning amid closures and is devising a solution that would allow at-home testing in May. More information will be posted on the [AP website](#) by March 20.

Other changes will almost certainly continue to be announced as circumstances evolve. We will keep you updated as we learn of them. Many of you have asked how we will communicate if a member of our school system reports a confirmed COVID-19 case. Should we receive that information, we will notify our individual school communities via email and provide instructions about what to do next.

Please stay well.

Sincerely,

Dicky Barlow
Superintendent
Mountain Brook Schools