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## MOUNTAIN BROOK SCHOOLS

Mountain Brook Parents,

As the concern regarding a potential outbreak of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) increases worldwide, our schools are taking steps to prepare and reduce the spread of illnesses. While there are no documented cases in Alabama at this time, the potential for impact is possible. As we approach Spring Break, many of our families will be traveling which may increase the potential for an interruption to our normal semester schedule. The Center for Disease Control and the Alabama Department of Public Health have been communicating with us about steps for preparedness should our community be affected. Our custodial teams are actively taking steps to ensure that school environments are cleaned thoroughly each day. Each school is working to ensure that tissues, hand sanitizer, and wipes are available for classrooms in addition to overall cleaning activity. **Please take a few moments to talk to your children about the importance of the items listed below. We will be talking with students at school to continue to encourage healthy habits.**

### **Flu and Virus Prevention**

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick. Do not return to activity until you are fever free for 24 hrs. without the use of fever reducing medication (100.4).
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Get a flu vaccine.

### **Academic Preparedness**

Our schools are working to prepare for any potential disruption to our school schedule. As this situation unfolds, we will share any important information with you that may impact our school schedule. We are well-prepared for these possibilities with our experience in E-day preparation.

Please know that we do not want to create a sense of panic, however, we do feel it is important for you to be aware of our preparations for events that may cause a disruption to our school

attendance. We will continue to monitor information coming from the CDC and the Department of Public Health and will make any necessary adjustments to ensure a positive learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

Dicky Barlow

Superintendent

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