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MBS Family,

I hope that you are doing well, staying healthy, and enjoying eLearning. This extended virtual format is a new reality for our school system, and we appreciate the patience you have demonstrated during the transition. What's more, we are grateful for all the support you have expressed since COVID-19 began to impact our daily lives over a month ago. It has been a challenging stretch, but it is one from which we will emerge stronger and more unified than ever before.

One of the most encouraging things I have observed in recent weeks is the wave of uplifting stories surfacing in the news and on social media. The positive articles and videos have provided a welcome contrast to the stark developments dominating the headlines. In this time of uncertainty, I believe the need for good news is especially great. Mountain Brook Schools wants to help meet that demand.

We know the people in our school system and community are among the kindest and most thoughtful out there. And we know that hasn't changed due to COVID-19. So here is what we are asking: If you have any good news to share, please consider sending it our way. It can be about a [student sewing masks for healthcare workers](#) or [organizations donating supplies](#) to help those in need. Or it could be as simple as a teacher calling to check in on a student. There aren't many unacceptable story ideas, so long as they highlight people caring for people. At the end of the day, that's what this is all about.

If you have ideas or content to submit, you can email it to mbgoodnews@mtnbrook.k12.al.us. We will evaluate all submissions and begin telling the stories through a number of mediums: articles, podcasts, videos, social media, etc. Our hope is that they brighten your day and bring you encouragement amid the unsettling circumstances.

Please stay well.

Sincerely,

Dicky Barlow
Superintendent
Mountain Brook Schools