

March 12, 2020

MBS Parents,

It has been two days since we sent our last letter regarding COVID-19. In that time, the spread of the virus domestically has prompted tighter international travel restrictions and cancelation of major sporting events.

While there are still no diagnosed cases of COVID-19 in Alabama, Mountain Brook Schools understands that could change as testing kits become more widely available across the state.

We are continuing to monitor the situation closely and are in frequent contact with state and local public health agencies, the State Department of Education, and local health experts. They have not recommended that we close schools at this time.

As such, Mountain Brook Schools remains committed to providing a safe, healthy learning environment for our students. We have met with administrators, custodial teams, child nutrition managers, and school nurses to review best practices in the areas of cleanliness and student health. We also will continue to remind students about effective prevention methods and their role in helping keep our community healthy.

Nevertheless, we have begun preparing for the possibility of school closures due to COVID-19. Mountain Brook Schools is uniquely equipped to offer e-learning to our students, and that could emerge as a viable alternative to in-class learning in the coming days and weeks. We want to respond prudently to this unprecedented and rapidly evolving situation.

Moving forward, Mountain Brook Schools will provide COVID-19 updates daily by 6 p.m. on our website. You can find past correspondences and other resources on our [COVID-19 page](#).

Thank you for all you do to help keep our schools and community healthy.

Sincerely,

Dicky Barlow
Superintendent
Mountain Brook Schools