



October 23, 2020

MBS Family,

We were glad to welcome all of our traditional students back to Mountain Brook Junior High and Mountain Brook High School this week as we transitioned to full capacity. Both schools implemented plans that prioritized health and safety while ensuring instructional quality. Throughout the week, we heard encouraging reports from our teams about the renewed energy in their buildings and student commitment to following protocols.

Our first virtual Wednesday drew positive reviews from teachers and students alike. While the morning allowed teachers time to plan, grade, and prepare instruction, the afternoon provided hundreds of students the opportunity to get help from their teachers and make up assignments. Our school system recognizes the benefit of this academic recovery time and looks forward to seeing its impact. To watch a video highlighting our secondary schools' return to full capacity, [click here](#).

Good news also emanated this week from our elementary schools, which on Monday implemented rotating schedules for students in upper grades within their classroom groups. In the coming weeks, students will begin to transition safely from classroom groups into small cohorts. We are proud of our elementary teams for the excellent job they have done in caring for students and making this school year as normal as possible for them.

Mountain Brook Schools is continuing to monitor COVID-19 data for our school system and county. Our district and community commitment to masking, distancing, and good hygiene will help us further mitigate virus transmission and keep our students in school. Please remember to use the [Mountain Brook Schools Symptom Check Tool](#) each day before school. If you need to get tested for COVID-19, Interim Healthcare is offering testing on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can [view this flyer](#) to learn more.

As we move forward this school year, MBS will continue to follow guidance from the Jefferson County Department of Health, Alabama Department of Public Health, and Alabama State Department of Education. The expertise of these agencies has enabled our school district to make informed decisions that prioritize the health and safety of our school community while ensuring the continued provision of an effective, challenging, and engaging education. If you have any questions or concerns, please email them to [covid19questions@mtnbrook.k12.al.us](mailto:covid19questions@mtnbrook.k12.al.us).