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MBS Family,

When we sent you our initial 2020-2021 school reopening plan last week, we told you that it was likely to change given the fluidity of COVID-19. Already, it has. After studying our plan and considering feedback from members of the school community, we have decided to pivot.

In the updated school reopening plan that will be posted tomorrow to our website, you will find that students who choose a virtual learning model will enroll in courses designed and taught by Mountain Brook teachers. This is to ensure the uninterrupted provision of a quality and rigorous Mountain Brook education.

We realize that our initial plan unintentionally encouraged families to opt for the traditional option in order to continue receiving the caliber of education our school system has always provided. We want families to choose the learning model that works best for them based on concerns for their student's health and wellness rather than course offerings and quality.

Our school system remains committed to providing families with the information they need to make these important educational decisions. Since we have received many inquiries regarding our virtual option, particularly at the elementary level, we have produced a video explaining in-depth the virtual option for pre-K through sixth grade. [You can view that video here.](#)

More information about the revised virtual option for grades 7-12 will be available in the updated plan that we share tomorrow.

Please note that with these changes we have suspended our virtual registration deadline. We want you to have time to make an informed decision and will communicate the new registration deadline at a future date. Those who wish to register for the virtual model may do so by [clicking here.](#)

Thank you for your patience and grace as we prepare for the school year.

Sincerely,

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