



*“Providing an effective, challenging, and engaging education for every one of our students”*

MBS Parents,

Welcome to a new semester and the start of a new calendar year! We want to follow-up with you regarding our school district COVID information for this week.

As of Friday, January 14, MBS has 69 positive for COVID cases and 48 individuals who have been designated as close contact and are under [our most recent quarantine/isolation guidelines](#). (Please remember that positive and close contact numbers self-reported to school nurses).

Because of the updated guidelines, 67 people in our system have been able to remain at school over the course of this week. We are currently monitoring COVID reports on a classroom basis and will make any adjustments needed as they arise. Additionally, we are continuing to remain diligent about cleaning and sanitizing throughout our buildings.

We're happy to report that after the three virtual days last week, our number of teachers and staff who are currently positive has significantly decreased into single digits. The Alabama Department of Education is continuing to report COVID numbers from districts across the state. You can [click here](#) to access that database.

If your child feels sick, please consult your primary health care physician. We want to ensure our schools are as safe as possible and that our students and staff are able to learn and work in person.

If your child has tested positive or has come in close contact with a COVID positive individual, please reach out to your school nurse. The weekend call line number is 205-703-1298. We continue to monitor our COVID numbers daily. Our nurses evaluate every case to look at possible trends of transmission. We also remain in communication with our local and state health officials in efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID.

We encourage families to take preventative measures to slow the spread, especially on long weekends. Thank you for your continued support and understanding for your child's health and our school system.

### **Good News:**

- MBE 6th grader, Ben Brown won the MBS District Spelling Bee on Thursday morning. [Click here to read.](#)
- Officer Lance Ziska is the new School Resource Officer at MBJH. [Click here](#) to learn more about Officer Ziska.