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Before Mountain Brook Schools turns its attention to the 2020-21 academic year, it would like to thank teachers, parents, and students for their efforts with eLearning amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The school system has sent surveys to teachers, parents, and students to find out vital information about eLearning, and it will be reviewing the responses throughout the summer.

One thing MBS clearly understands is that no matter how good its eLearning practices are, there is no replacement for students being in a school with their teacher, building relationships and creating an environment that leads them in a continuous learning process.

The school system intends to begin the 2020-21 academic year with students back on campuses and enjoying their school communities. However, MBS recognizes that it is incumbent upon the school system to plan for multiple scenarios — not just for the start of school, but throughout the pandemic's duration.

The State Department of Education has a task force that is planning for a safe, efficient, and equitable return to school. This plan is set to be released on June 19 and outlines three different scenarios concerning COVID-19. These scenarios are no to minimal community spread, minimal to moderate community spread, and substantial community spread. The Jefferson County Health Department and State Department of Education will help determine the prevalence in the Mountain Brook community.

In preparation for all three scenarios, MBS will be addressing essential actions regarding health and wellness, instruction, and operations and services. The school system will be working diligently this summer in each of those areas. More information, including a draft of the school system's reopening plans, will likely be shared by late June.