

Resolution 1819R-004

By: Directors Miller and Harris

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) is the global leader in offering no tuition, quality, certified, comprehensive Montessori education to City of Milwaukee and suburban students; and

WHEREAS, MPS has maintained a strategic plan to sustain, improve and expand Montessori education in the public sector since 1974; and

WHEREAS, In addition to providing quality, effective public education, MPS's Montessori schools offer distinctive or unique characteristics; including, curricula through grade eight, a Montessori high school integrated with the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum; and

WHEREAS, The objectives specified in the last Milwaukee Public Schools Montessori Strategic Plan (MPSMSP) have all been successfully, although as yet incompletely, realized; and

WHEREAS, Sustained, improved and expanded MPS Montessori education can help increase MPS's record of successful performance in improving basic and advanced language and mathematics learning; and, additionally, offer quality music, visual arts, movement, life skills, and employment skills embedded in the Montessori curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Sustained, improved and expanded MPS Montessori education can help reverse deeply troubling trends of student enrollment attrition and the loss of precious public investment in facilities and programs; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to a farsighted and visionary series of MPS Montessori Strategic Plans, MPS now offers quality, credentialed, comprehensive Montessori curricula to students, families and communities in all socioeconomic, ethnic, gender, sexuality and special education categories; and

WHEREAS, Notwithstanding that success, MPS can and should still improve and expand Montessori offerings to low-income, non-English speaking, ethnic minority, and special needs students; and

WHEREAS, Montessori schools continue striving to be a model for other school communities in the District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the MPS Montessori Strategic Plan (MPSMSP) be coordinated in collaboration with the MPSMSP Advisory Committee; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the MPSMSP Advisory Committee be constituted no later than October 1, 2018; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent or Acting Superintendent will submit a first draft of the MPSMSP to the Board no later than January 1, 2019; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Superintendent or Acting Superintendent will submit a final draft of the MPSMSP to the Board, for consideration, amendment, adoption and/or revision no later than March 1, 2019.

RESOLVED, That the MPSMSP be framed around increased access and inclusion of students across Milwaukee.

July 26, 2018