

## Polace, Katherine

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**From:** Kathryn Gabor  
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**To:** Polace, Katherine  
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Dear Ms Polace,

I write to request a specific school board agenda item. The desired topic is regarding the need for a strategic plan of growth for the broad MPS Montessori community. I would like this item on an upcoming agenda to discuss the overall health and sustainability of the MPS Montessori program.

I would like the school board to consider directing the administration to do the following:

- appoint a Central Office Montessori coordinator to guide and advise the superintendent regarding Montessori principles and method
- create an executive team of parents, Montessori leaders, and MPS personnel to assess current needs of the Montessori schools and build a long-term strategic plan for sustainability of the program. This strategic plan should consider issues such as
  - Montessori teacher recruitment plans
  - Continued Montessori teacher training/ professional development
  - Growth and configuration of developing Montessori schools

Like any successful and sustainable program/business/organization, strategic planning is critical. I understand the district budget exists year to year, however the strategy for Montessori's future success will lay the groundwork and help guide budgetary decision making.

The MPS Montessori program is already one of the most successful and highly regarded public programs in existence. To continue its long-term success and integrity, steps must be taken to ensure the program has strong leadership in place.

Thank you for your help with this request. I look forward to learning the next steps for this particular agenda item.

Sincerely,  
Kate Gabor