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# Montessori Strategic Plan Update

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## *Presenters*

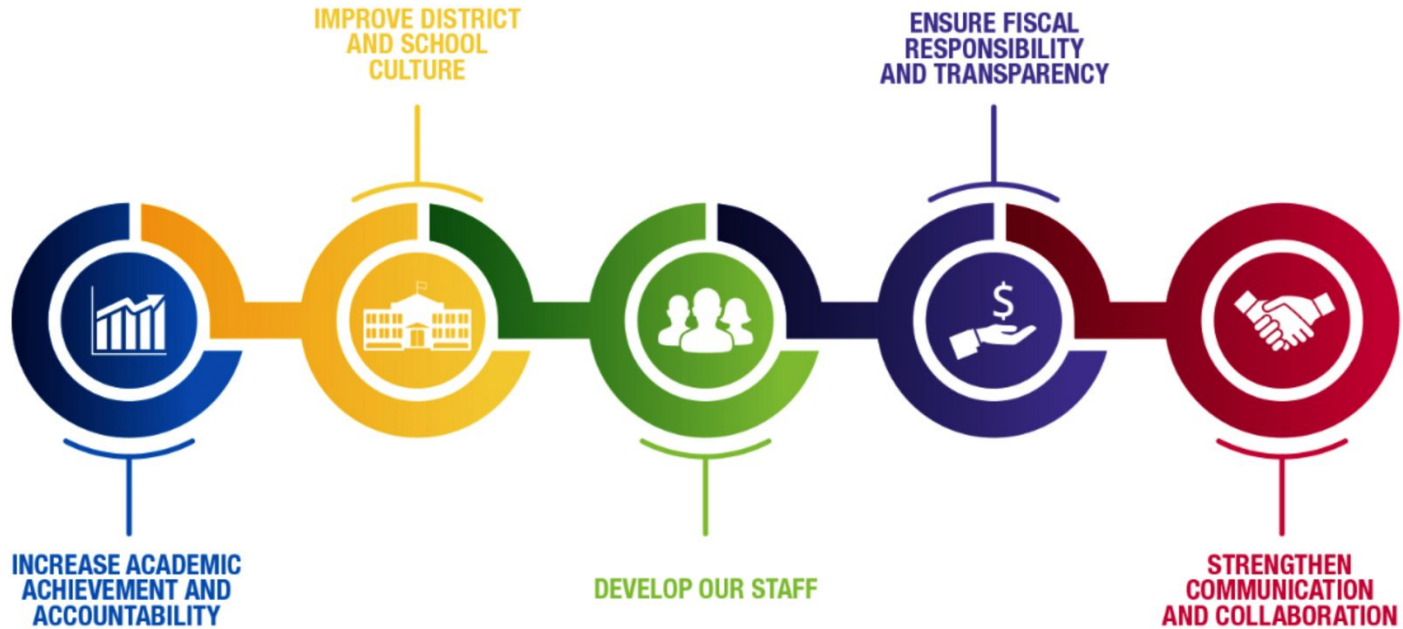
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# *Five Priorities for Success*



# Success = Alignment and Connection

## MPS Strategic Plan



## Academic Standard of Care

1. Build positive relationships with students and families.
2. Know what each student needs in each content area.
3. Conduct formative assessments regularly.
4. Differentiate instruction for students.
5. Instruct students at or above grade level.
6. Utilize scaffolding for students above and below grade level.
7. Design instruction using the content standards.
8. Use district-adopted/endorsed materials during instruction.
9. Center learning around student interests, voice, and choice.
10. Design learning experiences for students that are inquiry-based.

## Ambitious Instruction



# ONE initiative!

# Montessori Strategic Plan

## Current Work

- Holding monthly Montessori principal meetings
- Formulating Montessori ACT 20 guidance
- Supporting Montessori teacher credentialing courses
- Creating Montessori Second Step curriculum for lower elementary
- Facilitating Montessori Advisory Committee Meetings
- Conducting the Montessori staff retention survey

## Future Work

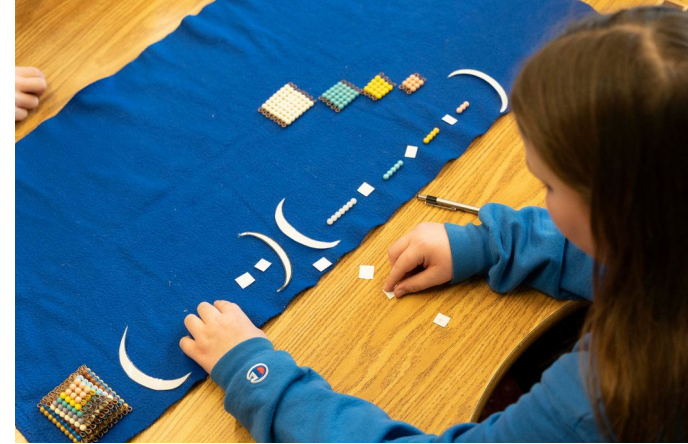
- Recruiting teachers at the American Montessori Society conference
- Coordinating Montessori Summer school
- Developing Montessori facilities Minimum Standard of Care
- Participating in the MPS Kindergarten Enrollment Fairs
- Hosting teacher work sessions for consistency in grading and phase III secondary curriculum

# Handmade Montessori Materials



## Geography Grab-n-go Bins

- Established ready-access bin system with materials necessary for teacher-led lessons and student-led experiments



## Math Materials

- Materials not available for purchase from vendors
- Required to support a variety of lessons
- Establishing duplicating storefront



# Montessori Credentialing



- Credentialing sponsorships offered since 1989
- 40 staff members currently in credentialing
- 3 current vacancies

Guest Speaker: **Selena McKnight**,  
Montessori teacher

# A Morning of Montessori



CITYWIDE OPEN HOUSE

## A Morning *of* Montessori

TOUR CLASSROOMS AND ATTEND  
BREAKOUT SESSIONS!

**Saturday**  
**February 8, 2025**

**9AM – 12PM**

Edward A. MacDowell Montessori School  
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