

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

July 25, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Joshua P. Starr, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Resolution for Community Montessori Charter School Application

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Board of Education Policy CFB, *Public Charter Schools*, sets forth the process for reviewing public charter school applications; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools received a charter school application for Community Montessori, a proposed Grades Pre-K–3 Montessori school; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with Board Policy CFB, *Public Charter Schools*, the technical review, a nonsubstantive review that ensures that the application is complete prior to the substantive review, was completed and the application was deemed complete; and

WHEREAS, An extensive review and examination of the application was conducted by a multistakeholder panel consisting of members with different areas of expertise including, among others, the offices of School Performance, Special Education and Student Services, Curriculum and Instructional Programs, and the Chief Operating Officer; and panelists comprised of representatives from the community, higher education, businesses, and the Montgomery County Public Schools employee associations; and

WHEREAS, The review panel through consensus recommended that the Montgomery County Board of Education approve the application; and

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools supports the recommendation of the review panel; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education has received and reviewed the application and related materials and met with the applicant at a public meeting on June 27, 2011, where the applicant made a presentation and answered questions from Board members; now therefore be it

Resolved, That for the reasons stated in the superintendent of schools' memorandum, dated June 27, 2011, and for the reasons set forth by the Board members on July 7, 2011 and July 25, 2011, the Board of Education of Montgomery County approves the application of Community Montessori to open a public charter school in Montgomery County, subject to satisfactory completion of interior modifications for space reconfiguration and kitchen upgrade, compliance with all legal requirements applicable to the facility and contingent upon successful negotiation of the charter agreement; and be it further

Resolved, That the superintendent of schools is directed to complete negotiation of the charter agreement, within the time required and in accordance with this approval resolution, and be it further

Resolved, That the president of the Board of Education and the superintendent of schools are authorized to execute the completed charter agreement and amendments involving operational and auditing details.

JPS:lcw