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Dear MA Families and Friends,

On behalf of our Board of Governors, we are pleased to share Montessori Academy's Strategic Direction for 2022-2027. This document provides a high-level view of the school's priorities for the next five years, and represents the culmination of a year-long process to review, reconsider and recalibrate our direction as we plan a bright and sustainable future for Montessori Academy.

The Strategic Direction was developed through the active engagement of our community, including school leaders, educators, staff, volunteers and families. The disruptions that came with Covid-19 challenged our ability to engage with parents using traditional forums; however, we found innovative ways to ensure their perspectives were included. In particular, their insights during the pandemic served to remind us that our community thrives when we engage in mindful communication, meaningful connection and intentional collaboration. In the midst of uncertainty, the tenets of Montessori philosophy were our guiding lights, helping us to remain focused on the needs of our students and their families. We are grateful to our entire community for their unwavering support, and excited about the next phase of our journey together.

As you review the Strategic Direction, you may notice that most of our priorities remain the same, anchored by new initiatives that will support the needs of our community into the future. Like the Montessori Method itself, our school remains stable and focused, yet flexible and adaptive to the world that surrounds us. We also remain committed to ensure that London families retain access to world-class Montessori education long into the future by mindfully stewarding the school's resources and strengthening our incredible Montessori Academy community.

"An education capable of saving humanity is no small undertaking: it involves the spiritual development of the human being, the enhancement of their value as an individual, and the preparation of young people to understand the times in which they live."

~ Dr. Maria Montessori, Education and Peace

This quote summarizes what inspires us; find out what guides us with the full details of our [Strategic Direction here](#).

Sincerely,

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