

## FIRST AMENDMENT TO CHARTER

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO CHARTER ("Amendment") is dated Nov. 8, 2023, by and between the Board of Education of Frederick County, Maryland (the "Board"), and Monocacy Montessori Communities, Inc. ("MMCI"), collectively referred to as "the Parties" in this Amendment.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

WHEREAS, the Parties established a Charter dated January 27, 2020, for operation of the Carroll Creek Montessori Public Charter School ("CCMPCS"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Charter to be aligned with new Blueprint for Maryland's Future education funding; and

WHEREAS, all other terms and conditions of the Charter between the Parties shall remain in full force and effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants and understanding of each of the Parties, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows

I. The following shall replace the existing Charter Section VI in its entirety:

### VI. FISCAL MATTERS AND SERVICES

#### A. FUNDING

In accordance with *Md. Education Code Ann.* § 9-109 and further clarified in corresponding State Board rulings, the Board shall disburse to MMCI an amount of county, state, and federal money for elementary and middle students that is commensurate with the amount disbursed to other public schools in the local jurisdiction. MMCI may seek and receive other funds through local, state or federal government sources and/or from private sources without a reduction in its annual commensurate allocation.

#### B. ENROLLMENT

Board Policy 440, Section 440.11, indicates an approved public charter school shall receive funding as determined by Maryland law, which may be comprised of discretionary funds and in-kind services. Annual funding will be based on contractually agreed upon enrollment and provided on a "per-pupil" basis for student enrollment up to a maximum of 270 students. This enrollment number does not include 60 prekindergarten students. Under enrollment as identified by the September 30 enrollment count may result in funding adjustments for current fiscal year.

Retrospective to Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022) and forward, the Board will include

eligible, as defined by the current year state aid pre-kindergarten enrollment, CCMPCS prekindergarten students in the projected enrollment used in the per-pupil allocation (PPA) funding formula. Specifically, for FY2022 the enrollment included only four-year old pre-kindergarten students as of September 30, 2020; for FY2023 it included all pre-kindergarten students as of September 30, 2021; and for FY2024 it will include, as outlined in law, all full-day four-year old pre-kindergarten students from households with incomes at or below the 300% of the federal poverty level. If state aid pre-kindergarten calculations are adjusted in future years, the pre-kindergarten enrollment used in the charter school per pupil allocation calculation will change accordingly.

Under enrollment, as identified by the September 30 enrollment count, may result in funding adjustments for current fiscal year.

C. ACCOUNTING

MMCI and MVMPCS must adhere to financial, programmatic, or compliance audits consistent with federal, state, and local laws and budget procedures and deadlines.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have hereunder set their hands and seals the day and year first above written to this First Amendment to Charter.

WITNESS:

11/8/2023  
Date

Susan L Johnson (SEAL)  
Susan Johnson, President  
Board of Education of Frederick County

10/30/2023  
Date

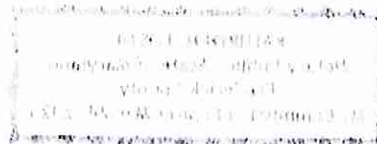
Tara Dunsmore (SEAL)  
Tara Dunsmore, President  
Monocacy Montessori Communities, Inc.

10/30/2023  
Date

Cheryl Dyson (SEAL)  
Dr. Cheryl Dyson, Superintendent  
Frederick County Public Schools

10/30/2023  
Date

Daniel Lippy (SEAL)  
Dr. Daniel Lippy, Director of School Management  
and Charter Schools  
Frederick County Public Schools



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COUNTY OF FREDERICK:

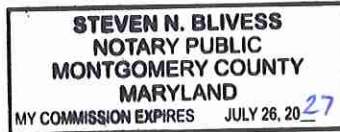
I hereby certify that on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, before me, a Notary Public of the state aforesaid, personally appeared **Sue Johnson**, who made acknowledgment on behalf of the Board of Education of Frederick County, and that she as such President, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing by herself as President of the Board of Education of Frederick County, Maryland.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

*Steven N. Blivess*

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



STATE OF MARYLAND:

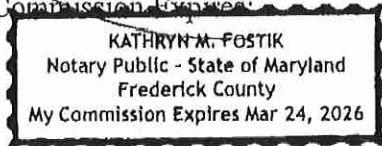
COUNTY OF FREDERICK:

I hereby certify that on this 30 day of October 2023, before me, a Notary Public of the state aforesaid, personally appeared **Tara Dunsmore**, who made acknowledgment on behalf of Monocacy Montessori Communities, Inc., and that she as such President, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing by herself as President of Monocacy Montessori Communities, Inc.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

*Kathryn M. Fostik*

Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:



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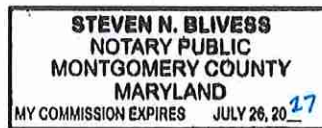
I hereby certify that on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2023, before me, a Notary Public of the state aforesaid, personally appeared **Dr. Cheryl Dyson**, who made acknowledgment on behalf of Frederick County Public Schools and that he as such Superintendent, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing by herself as Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

*Steven N. Blivess*

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



STATE OF MARYLAND:

COUNTY OF FREDERICK:

I hereby certify that on this 30 day of October, 2023, before me, a Notary Public of the state aforesaid, personally appeared **Dr. Daniel Lippy**, who made acknowledgment on behalf of Frederick County Public Schools and that he as such Director of School Management and Charter Schools, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing by himself in his capacity with Frederick County Public Schools.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

*Kathryn M. Fostik*

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

