

Board of Supervisors  
City Hall/201 N. Carson Street, Suite 2  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

## **LATE MATERIAL**

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July 31, 2018

Dear Board of Supervisors,

It is my understanding that Mrs. Jessica Daniels will be reporting her progress to find a new location in which to house Carson Montessori School during the 2019-2020 school year at your August 2, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting. The purpose of this letter is to show my support for Mrs. Daniels and to recognize the value Carson Montessori School has in our Community.

Carson City School District is the sponsor of Carson Montessori School. I first became aware of the zoning issues facing Mrs. Daniels and Carson Montessori School at this time last year. Mrs. Daniels and I have met several times since to discuss this dilemma and the challenges she faces. I am aware of the difficulties she is facing and the efforts she has made in securing a suitable location for her school.

I will be the first to recognize that not all charter schools are successful. However, Carson Montessori School is a charter school that has flourished since Mrs. Daniels took over as the Principal. Through Mrs. Daniels's leadership, the school is a high achieving institution that provides parents in our District an additional educational option. Carson Montessori School currently serves 284 students from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. If Carson Montessori School is unable to find a suitable location in which to operate their school and if the school is forced to close, those 284 students will return to Carson City School District schools. Assimilating 284 additional students into our present infrastructure will significantly impact our elementary and middle school operations. Carson City Schools are currently operating at full capacity. Placing 284 unanticipated students into our schools will increase class sizes dramatically and swell our buildings to numbers not felt in the recent past. The immediate solution for the District would be to purchase and set-up multiple portable classrooms...the reverse of a decade-long effort to remove portable classrooms from our capital city.

In order to continue operating our schools as we have in the past, the District is anxious for Carson Montessori School to meet the City's zoning expectations. It is my hope that with the assistance of all of us, the schools in our community can continue to serve students as they have in the past. Any support you can provide to Mrs. Daniels in her search for an appropriate school site is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Richard Stokes, Superintendent