



# THE BRAINSTORMING TOUR

## Powerful Voices For Montessori Education

While policy makers debate about education reform, Dr. Maria Montessori  
*transformed* education over 100 years ago.



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For nearly twenty years, education policymakers around the world have been “reforming” education systems by focusing on a single outcome: Student performance on high-stakes academic tests. Yet, school testing relies on a shockingly narrow range of mental abilities, forcing schools to focus on testing content and “thinking” about that content. This single-minded pursuit of higher test scores ignores decades of neuroscience research demonstrating that movement is entangled with and even precedes the development of cognition. As these researchers point out, we are actually born to move, not born to think. To help children develop the wide range of human capabilities necessary for a successful and happy life in a rapidly changing society and economy, schools cannot solely focus on “thinking” about content. Instead, schools need a different educational framework—one that is embodied and based on how the brain actually develops. The Brainstorming Tour presents such a framework and the research that indirectly supports it.