

MONTESSORI
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**With a collaborative and unified voice we promote, support
and advocate for Montessori education in North Carolina.**

Dear Fellow Montessorians of North Carolina,

We are pleased to launch the membership drive for the Montessori Association of North Carolina (MANC) - your official statewide Montessori advocacy organization. MANC brings together the entire North Carolina Montessori community to speak with a unified voice to collaborate on common goals to support the highest quality Montessori education in our state.

MANC is an inclusive organization of Montessori schools (public and private), educators, parents, administrators, alumni and all those interested in promoting the philosophy and principles of Dr. Maria Montessori and supporting high quality Montessori education in North Carolina.

MANC is the NC state advocacy organization recognized by the Montessori Public Policy Initiative (MPPI) - the national collaboration between AMI/USA and AMS, supporting advocacy organizations across the USA.

We welcome all who support Montessori education in NC to join MANC. We:

- Invite you to become a member of MANC by joining through our website: <http://www.montessoriassociationofnc.org/about/membership/>
- Invite you to sign up for a Board Committee to contribute to our collective efforts
- Ask you to spread the word by forwarding this email to local Montessori staff, parents, colleagues, friends, and alumni to encourage them to learn more about us as well as become a member of MANC
- Ask you to stay in touch with us by liking our facebook page and following us on twitter: <https://www.facebook.com/montessoriassociationofnc>
<https://twitter.com/montessoriofnc>
- Ask you to take a couple of minutes to fill out the attached survey so we can serve and represent you well: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KRDHF3M>

As an organization, MANC's goals are:

- **Advocacy** - MANC will continue to represent the NC Montessori community as we advocate for high quality Montessori education with state agencies, policy implementers, and policy makers
- **Public Information**- MANC will continue to be a resource to the Montessori community, state agencies, families committed to Montessori education, and the general public
- **Professional Development** - MANC will serve as an umbrella organization to provide and/or coordinate professional development and learning opportunities across the state

We welcome and invite you to visit our website: www.montessoriasociationofnc.org

- To become a valuable member or member school
- To learn about and volunteer to be on one of our Board Committees
- To learn about the MANC initiatives already underway
- To subscribe to our listserv
- To belong and network with other Montessori supporters for NC statewide advocacy

The Montessori Association of North Carolina is for all of us, as we work with a collaborative, unified, vision and voice in North Carolina.

We look forward to working with all of you as we support high quality Montessori education in our state.

****** MANC needs your help now in these areas, in particular, which are listed below.**

Please contact any of us right away if you are able to help with:

- **Education Committee: help to spearhead a robust professional development plan and implementation for 2018 and beyond**
- **Membership Committee: help with follow up calls as needed to the membership; help with regional meet and greet opportunities**
- **Website Support: maintenance**
- **Accounting Support: as needed**
- **Attorney Services: as needed**

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