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Dear Friends in The New School Montessori Community:

I became the Director of The New School Montessori in 2001, when Lucy was just a baby. It's hard to believe 14 years have passed so quickly. After an exciting career here, it is time for me to pursue other opportunities. While my decision is bittersweet, I would like you to know that the 2014-2015 school year will be my last.

As the fourth director in the school's long-standing history, I am pleased with the many accomplishments we have achieved together. At the onset, the Board of Trustees and TNSM staff and faculty shared a bold vision to attain recognition as the first and only dually accredited Montessori school in Ohio and to begin an Operating Endowment. Today, we are the only dually accredited school in Cincinnati and our endowment remains strong. Expanding our campus became our next priority. The successful purchase and renovation of the Enrichment Center is one of our greatest achievements. Like the Growing Room before, The Enrichment Center will stand to serve our children and those who attend in the future.

The New School Montessori is indeed a rare and wonderful place in the universe. Throughout my twenty plus years in both public and private education, I have seen nothing like it. The faculty and staff remain unmatched in terms of their expertise and care. Your children, with bright eyes, wide smiles and tenderness, assure us that what we do here on a daily basis is appropriate and child-centered.

The New School Montessori is capable of more amazing things. It is with great fondness and regard, that I support The New School Montessori during this time of transition and into the future. I appreciate your continued engagement, active participation and support during my tenure and in the coming year. I am proud to know that I have served well and I look forward to the path that The New School Montessori, its staff and faculty, and its new director will forge in the future.

Warm regards,

Eric L. Dustman

Director