

To: Parents, Staff, Students, and Friends of Creekstone Montessori School

From: Board Chair Perry Sekus and Executive Director Dr. Michelle Sturm

Date: July 23, 2025

Re: Creekstone Montessori Facility Update

We write to provide you with an update on the Creekstone Montessori School Board's efforts to locate a larger facility for our school.

We are currently able to fully meet our educational mission at our LSS site through the 2025-2026 school year. Since we became a public charter school, however, we have been unable to meet enrollment demands and, given the progression of our current student population, we know we will need to expand our existing space or relocate to a new facility by the 2026-2027 school year. We are also keenly aware of our community's need for early childhood or infant and toddler programming, before and after-school care, and summer programming, all of which we are eager to provide as part of our Montessori curriculum. We also remain intent on providing a full pre-K to 12 grade Montessori curriculum.

The search for a larger facility has been ongoing over the past year. As you know, the Red Wing School District recently issued a Request for Proposals for the sale of the Jefferson school building. Board members toured the building and met to discuss submitting a bid for the building. After extensive research and deliberation, the Creekstone Board decided not to submit a bid. There are a number of reasons for the Board's decision, including, perhaps most importantly, the cost to renovate the building and for asbestos remediation.

The Board has over the course of this past year considered a number of facilities as potential sites for our school. To date, we have not identified a viable facility. We certainly do not want to rush into any decision and therefore have decided to remain on the LSS site for the time being. We are exploring the possibility with LSS of locating portable classrooms on the site on a temporary basis to free up space to provide the best prepared environment for our students. We will keep you apprised of our efforts.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Dr. Sturm or members of the Board if you have any questions.

Dr. Michelle Sturm

Executive Director
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