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To: Superintendents, Principals, and Montessori-trained teachers

From: Dr. Scott Syverson, Chief Talent Officer

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Re: Licensure options for Montessori-trained teachers

Throughout 2017 the Department of Education worked with the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) to recognize Montessori teacher preparation and to create an alternative path for Indiana licensure for more early childhood and elementary level teachers. As a result of this collaboration, Indiana will have a greater pool of licensed early childhood and elementary generalist teachers who will be able to teach in both traditional and Montessori classroom settings. MACTE is recognized by the Council for Accreditation of Educational Preparation (CAEP), the successor national accrediting body for educator preparation programs formerly known as the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Beginning next week, currently licensed Indiana early childhood and elementary generalist teachers who have completed MACTE accredited programs may apply to have a Montessori endorsement added to their teaching licenses. This endorsement acknowledges the unique Montessori pedagogical training they have completed within the grade coverage and validity of their current teaching licenses. Additionally, individuals with at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution who have completed MACTE accredited Montessori teacher training in other states will have a path to apply for Indiana early childhood or elementary generalist licensure upon passage of all required CORE licensure tests. Information on adding a Montessori endorsement to an existing license can be found on the DOE website here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/licensing/current-indiana-teachers-add-content-areas>. Information on the alternative path requirements for those seeking an initial license can be found here: <https://www.doe.in.gov/licensing/alternative-licensure-paths>.

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