

Subject: Support for Public Montessori Academies in [Your State]

Dear [Legislator Name],

I am writing to urge you to support the creation of **Public Montessori Academies** in [Your State], modeled after the successful funding and governance approach of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) and similar state-supported academies across the country.

In [Year IMSA or similar program was founded in your state, if applicable], our state recognized the need for specialized public education in STEM and invested in a public institution funded directly by the [State General Assembly / Legislature]. This model has allowed for **innovation, independence from restrictive state education agency mandates**, and equitable access for students across the state.

Today, we face a different but equally urgent challenge: preparing children for an **unknown future**—one that requires adaptability, agency, critical thinking, and lifelong learning skills. Montessori education has been proven to cultivate these skills through:

- **Individualized learning plans** that meet each child where they are.
- **Hands-on, experiential learning** that fosters deep understanding.
- **A focus on independence, responsibility, and creativity** rather than rote memorization.

Unfortunately, most public Montessori programs in [Your State] are constrained by state education agency regulations that make it difficult to fully implement the Montessori approach.

I am asking you to champion legislation to:

1. **Establish Public Montessori Academies** in [Your State] funded directly by the [State General Assembly / Legislature], independent of [State Education Agency] mandates.
2. Guarantee equitable access to these academies for children from every community.
3. Protect the authenticity of Montessori practice while ensuring accountability for equity and outcomes.

Just as STEM academies were created to fill a critical gap in our education system, Public Montessori Academies can fill today's gap—preparing students not just for jobs, but for a lifetime of learning, leadership, and contribution.

I look forward to your support in making this vision a reality for [Your State].

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address or City, State]

[Your Email or Phone Number]