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Dear Family,

We, the board members of Creekstone Montessori School (CMS) as well as its administrative staff, want to let you know we have given much thought about the decision to move forward with a CMS Toddler Program. At this time we feel it best to defer opening this program in the 2022-2023 academic year and for the unforeseeable future due to several important reasons. One, we know that the need for toddler programming in Red Wing is high, however, rather than rushing to establish something simply to meet the need, we want to be thoughtful and take the time necessary to perform proper due diligence and establish programs that embrace and truly possess the critical components of what makes Montessori programming exceptional and what makes CMS unique.

Another more practical reason to defer the opening of the CMS Toddler Program is sufficient physical school space. As our current pre-k-Grade 6 levels expands over the next few years, we would like to be diligent in planning for the best effective use of our current school setting, while working on prospective, fresh, sustainable, new building plans for the future. As we all know, the environment plays a vital part in offering quality Montessori programming, and we do not believe it is responsible for our organization to not appropriately prepare and accommodate for planned growth.

We want you to know we came to this decision with the utmost care and concern. This decision - based on much thought, research and discussion - has been a difficult decision to make. It has been our intention from the beginning to provide a Toddler Program that feeds smoothly into the pre-k through middle school charter school experience. We will, however, continue to honor the commitment of bringing the very best quality and accessible Montessori educational offerings to the community of Red Wing. We are so appreciative of your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Creekstone Montessori School Board of Directors

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