



THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE
Montessori School

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Traverse City, MI 49685

Dear Children's House and Compass Community,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I'm pleased to share a brief update on our recent work and ongoing priorities.

The Board meets every other month to receive operational and community updates from school leadership and to engage in strategic conversations that help guide the long-term direction of our school. In a world that continues to evolve rapidly, we remain grounded in our mission and steadfast in viewing every decision through our Montessori lens. This balance, honoring timeless Montessori principles while thoughtfully responding to change, continues to guide our governance work.

Over the past several months, much of our focus has been dedicated to the development of our Strategic Plan. This has been a meaningful and energizing process for the Board. Many of you have participated in listening sessions and conversations facilitated by Marc Frankel of Triangle and Associates. Management. We are deeply grateful for the time, candor, and thoughtfulness you brought to those discussions. Your perspectives are essential to ensuring that our strategic direction reflects the values, aspirations, and needs of our full community.

We are currently refining the final draft and anticipate sharing it with the community in June. We look forward to presenting a plan that supports programmatic excellence, strengthens our community, and positions The Children's House and Compass Junior High for continued sustainability and growth.

As always, we value your partnership and welcome your feedback. Should you wish to reach out to the Board, please feel free to contact us at board@traversechildrenshouse.org.

With appreciation for your continued trust and engagement,

Jessica Sullivan
Chair, Board of Directors
The Children's House & Compass Junior High

