

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GOVERNING COUNCIL**

*Resolution #25-003*

**WHEREAS**, the state of new Mexico has record annual revenue and reserve funding with no reason to engage in austerity measures that negatively impact student achievement, particularly for students from marginalized communities; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2025 Regular Session of the New Mexico Legislature, the Legislature passed House Bill 63, *Public School Funding Formula Changes*, which was signed into law by Governor Lujan-Grisham on the 8th day of April 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Legislature initially proposed a \$5,000,000 hold harmless fund to offset the potential reduction of funding caused by House Bill 63, and

**WHEREAS**, the *General Appropriation Act of 2025* reduced the recommended hold harmless amount to \$1,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the originally intended \$5,000,000 hold harmless funding was dramatically insufficient to meet the shortfalls schools would receive statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, The Montessori Elementary and Middle School is a locally-authorized charter school in the state of New Mexico, and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary and Middle School reviewed the proposed budget for the school for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed budget for The Montessori Elementary and Middle School for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 includes a **reduction of \$414,644.14 in at-risk funding**; and

**WHEREAS**, The Montessori Elementary and Middle School is slated to **receive a “hold harmless” allocation of \$21,695.25**; and

**WHEREAS**, The Montessori Elementary and Middle School has consistently been one of the **top performing schools according to the Public Education Department’s NMVistas** accountability system; and

**WHEREAS**, The Montessori Elementary and Middle School has demonstrated annually through its mandated Education Plan reporting that it has invested its at-risk funding for the benefit of the Martinez-Yazzie subgroups, resulting in outcomes that far exceed state averages; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary and Middle School concurs with the New Mexico Legislature for the need to increase funding for at-risk students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL THAT** that it requests that the New Mexico Legislature immediately fix the hold harmless calculation and provide adequate funding to support marginalized students at ALL schools in New Mexico.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the New Mexico legislature shifts the educational funding formula to restore funding to the schools that have been harmed by House Bill 63.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Council of The Montessori Elementary and Middle School in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

Signed by:  
  
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Alan L. Pappas, President/Secretary

6/9/2025

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Date