

**Montessori Leaders Meeting**  
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**COMMUNICATIONS TO OUR ORGANIZATIONS AND THE MOVEMENT**

The Education Leadership Forum and the McCall Kulak Family Foundation invited a small group of Montessori leaders, from various organizations, to meet in New York City for two days.

The purpose of the meeting was to explore common ground and to identify specific ways to align and strengthen the Montessori movement in the US.

This groundbreaking meeting set a fresh, collaborative tone. It was intimate and productive.

1. We identified the varied constituencies that have a stake in the advancement of Montessori
2. We began to explore how to better understand and meet the needs of these constituencies.
3. We discussed specific strategies for advancing the Montessori movement and to prioritize next steps.
4. We identified some steps towards a collective research strategy, mapping Montessori groups across all 50 US states, and towards unified messaging.

We are excited to take this first step and look forward to the unfolding of this effort to change US education to focus on the development of the whole human being.

We would like to thank the Foundation and the Forum for bringing us together and facilitating our conversation.

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