



**LEGACY OF  
DR. JOSIE R.  
JOHNSON  
MONTESSORI  
SCHOOL**

January 10, 2024

Dear JJ Legacy families,

It is with great regret that we are informing you that the Board of Directors of the Legacy of Dr. Josie R. Johnson Montessori School voted on Friday night, January 5, during an emergency board meeting to close the school effective this Friday, January 12. It is with great sadness that we will not be able to finish the school year due to a financial crisis.

During this time and after its closure, JJ Legacy will honor any records requested by other schools for your child's general education records and special education records (if your child has an IEP); this is completed through a school-to-school or district-to-school records request. Via email, a copy of the most current IEP, evaluation, and progress reports will be sent to families of students who are receiving special education services. Final grade reports for each student will also be sent home via email by the end of January. After February 28, 2024, all records (general and special education) will be sent to your current district of residence.

This is a sad ending for us all. The board and school staff would like to wish you and your family well in this next school year. The board will remain intact throughout the closure process and will be available for any questions or concerns you have moving forward. Below, you will find previously shared resources regarding choices for other charter schools in the area, as well as information regarding open enrollment and contacts at MDE to help with finding a new school. Thank you all again for your support through this extremely difficult transition.

*\*Parents, please note that enrollment of children in their district of residence or other school is mandatory under state law for children that are six years of age or older;*

*\*Please see information and offer of assistance to enable students to re-enroll in another school, per MN S124E.10 Subd.1(b)2*

Sincerely,

*JJ Legacy Administration and Staff*

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MDE Open Enrollment Information: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/open/>

MDE School Choice Ombudsman

Direct assistance to families regarding school choice options

Cynthia Jackson

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651-582-8572

**Additional Charter School Options:**

**North/N.E. Mpls**

- [Hmong Academy](#)
- [Sojourner Truth Academy](#)
- [Northeast College Prep](#) Student application: <https://northeastcollegeprep.org/app/>

**South Minneapolis**

- [Southside Family Charter School](#)
- [Banaadir Academy](#)
- [Minnesota Transitions Charter](#)
- [Hiawatha Academies](#)
- [Stonebridge World School](#)
- [Hope Academy](#)

**Brooklyn Park**

- [Excell Academy For Higher Learning](#)

**St. Paul**

- [STEP Academy](#)
- [Urban Academy Charter School](#)
- [Prodeo](#)
- [Nova Classical Academy](#)
- [Quantum SteamAcademy K-8](#)
- [Minnesota Math and Science Academy](#)
- [JJ Hill Montessori](#)
- [Career Pathways](#) (Grade 6-12) Middle School 6-8 Program

**Online Education Options**

- [The Best Academy](#) Online/hybrid program Openings

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## **Surrounding Districts Enrollment Information**

- [Excell Academy For Higher Learning](#) - Pre-K thru Grade (grades 4 thru 6 are **waitlist only**) \*Busing available for residents in North Mpls and a few surrounding areas

### **North Minneapolis**

- [Nellie Stone](#)
- [Loring Elementary](#)
- [Jenny Lind](#)
  
- [Ascension Catholic School](#)

### **South Minneapolis**

- [Richard Green](#)
- [Bancroft](#)
- [Folwell Community](#)
- [Pillsbury](#)
- [Brynmawr](#)
- [Hale Elementary](#)
- [Anderson Elementary & Middle School \(preschool - grade 8\)](#)

### **Plymouth**

- [Central Middle School](#)
- [Sunset Hill Elementary](#)
- [Plymouth Creek Elementary](#)
- [Birchview Elementary](#)

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