

Public Montessori growing and thriving

At least nine new public programs this year

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Another year, and continued growth of public Montessori programs—even as public enrollment declines, budgets are slashed, and schools close.

In Brooklyn, New York City's first public Montessori school, **Albee Square Montessori Public School**, opened

this year, in part as an effort to stem enrollment declines across the city.

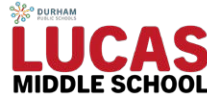


Crowley Independent School District (ISD), near Fort Worth, has moved a school-within-a-school Montessori program to its own building, the new **Crowley Montessori Academy**.

Eleanor Skillen School 34 in Indianapolis, IN is transitioning to a Montessori program serving children from PreK through 6th grade, joining the district's three existing programs and one charter school.



that includes two new Montessori programs: **Little River Montessori School**, a K-8 program, and **Lucas**



Middle School, a standalone Montessori middle school.

Durham will now have five public Montessori programs, dating back to 1994.

Des Moines Public School District is starting an early childhood Montessori program at **Pleasant Hill Elementary**, joining the existing Cowles Montessori School.



In Steuben County, Indiana, the district is converting **Pleasant Lake Elementary** to a

Montessori school, building on the success of the early childhood program at their Early Learning Center.



Wildflower Montessori continues to expand its charter school networks



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with **Blue Montessori** in Washington, DC, starting with three- and four-year-olds; **Cactus Bloom Community School** in Grand Valley, CO, serving children in pre-school through third grade; and **Meadow Rue Montessori** in Aurora, CO, offering first and second grade.



The **Bezos Day One Academies** are not public schools, but rather are privately funded, zero-tuition programs. Bezos is adding six new locations this year, in Florida, Wash-

ington, and Texas, joining their network of more than two dozen programs.

Finally, we note with sadness the closing of **Dr. Josie R. Johnson Montessori Charter School** in Minnesota.

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