

**PITTSBURGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING
February 23, 2026
6:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM A**

1. Darlene Yanakos - Parent
N/A
Montessori Parent
2. Natalie Antonucci - Parent
N/A
Montessori Parent
3. Alex Antonucci - Parent
N/A
Montessori Parent
4. Maryellen Hamel - Community member
N/A
Don't Give Millions to Charter Schools
5. Hallie Pritts - Parent
N/a
Concerning Montessori
6. Martha Riecks - Parent
n/a
Once again, I am asking that PPS create an authentic, accurate and feasible Future Ready Plan with COMMUNITY input
7. Shirley Ann Hill - Retired PPS Teacher
N/A
Unfair treatment of former Montessori teacher. Lack of Black teachers at Carrick High School. Why do virtual public hearing speakers go last?
8. Aaliyah Taylor - Student
N/A
Student Voice
9. Christian Miller - Student
N/A
Student Voice
10. Javere Harriott - Student

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N/A

Student Voice

11. Liniya Mallory - Student

N/A

Student Voice

12. Michael Livingston - Student

N/A

Student Voice

13. Sebastian Bard - Student

N/A

Student Voice

14. Rita Porterfield - Parent, Community member, Alumna

NA

Keep Montessori open and where it is.

15. Jude Porterfield - Student, Community member

N/a

I want to stay in school

16. Phil Porterfield - Parent

NA

Make meaningful support for Montessori

17. Charlie Britanik - Student

N/A

Don't Close Montessori!

18. Kara Britanik - Parent

N/A

The Data Isn't Alright

19. Vanessa Dagavarian - Parent

NA

Our community deserves a new plan

20. Teaira Collins - Teacher/Staff, Parent, Organization, Community member

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412Justice
Injustice and Human Rights Violations

21. Raed Chowdhury - Parent, Community member
N/A
Expand the Montessori Program
22. Holly Munson - Parent
www.pittsburgh-parents.com
Face the facts, vote NO, and enact true equity-centered change
23. Holly Cox - Parent
N/A
Communication
24. Sarah Zangle - Parent
Community Proposal
Equity first
25. Bethani Cameron - Parent, representing InformUp.org, a local news nonprofit
InformUp.Org
survey results: priorities for keeping schools open and integrating physical movement into classroom instruction
26. Heidi DeVries - Teacher/Staff, Parent
N/A
Subject: Formal Opposition to the Closure of Pittsburgh Montessori K-5 and Recommendation for Excellence-Based Expansion
27. Mark Rauterkus - Parent, Community member
International Swim Coaches Association
Tips on how to eat an elephant. Seriously, take one bite at a time.
28. Siena Kane - Parent
Na
Preserving Pittsburgh Montessori
29. Ghadah Makoshi - Parent
NA

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Equity Doesn't Mean Strive For Mediocrity

30. Andrea Grebiner - Parent
N/A
Montessori Method
31. Ben Brewer - Parent
N/A
Preserve elementary magnets to strengthen PPS
32. Sandra Woolley - Organization, Grandparent
PIIN (PA Interfaith Impact Network)
Community Schools – A Way to Plan with All Stakeholders
33. Shannon Striner - Parent
Fulton
Here we go again
34. mary trigo - Parent
n/a
the importance of montessori in pps
35. Emily Sawyer - Parent, substitute teacher
N/A
Nothing changes if nothing changes.
36. Lily Allman - Student
N/A
You can't be future ready by repeating past mistakes
37. Valerie Webb-Allman - Parent
N/A
Wasting time and money by doing things backward before won't be cheaper, faster or better this time. There is a better way forward
38. Danny Bracken - Parent
NA
Elimination of Montessori Program
39. Jazlynn Worthy - Parent

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Accountability NOW!!!

40. Kari Thompson - Parent
N/A
Bring families back-Build trust.
41. Michael Cummins - Parent, Organization
PIIN Education Task Force
Nothing changes if nothing changes in a bad plan
42. Allison Baggiano - Parent
N/A
Pittsburgh Montessori-A way forward
43. Sylvia Wilson - Community member
NA
School reorganization
44. Karen Cornell - Parent
N/a
Filling up buildings is not enough
45. Erin Childs - Parent
PPS Parent
Back to The Future-Ready Plan... the unrequested sequel
46. Elizabeth Pitard - Teacher/Staff, Parent, Community member
Pittsburgh Montessori
Montessori Education in Action
47. Stephanie Lapine - Teacher/Staff
Three Rivers Wildflower
Montessori for ALL
48. Ashley Rooths - Parent
Keep the commitment coalition
Keep the commitment
49. Ms.Paulette Foster - Organization

