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Dear St. Mark's Montessori School Families,

We are excited to share with you today that we've selected Ms. Tricia Morton as our new Montessori school director! Ms. Tricia returns in February with her passion for providing a safe and nurturing environment grounded in the Montessori principles, as well as an inspiring vision for our school's continued health and growth. We feel truly blessed for Ms. Tricia's return at such a critical time for our children and families. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Tricia back to St. Mark's Montessori School!

As your St. Mark's Montessori School Board, we thank you for your ongoing trust and faith in our school. This past year we've met as a board more frequently than ever before. While each session focused on evolving challenges, we continued to focus on three key areas: the safety of *our children*, supporting *our excellent teachers and staff*, and delivering the quality Montessori education that *our families* expect. Our belief in you, our St. Mark's Montessori Family, energized us to discover solutions for the immediate challenges - and also to think critically about the future of St. Mark's Montessori. We are pleased to see Ms. Tricia return to our family, and we look forward to working closely with her as she enacts her vision to enhance the education at St. Mark's Montessori. This is an incredible start to 2021, and we're excited to see it continue to get even better.

Thank you for continuing to be a part of our family.

All the best,
Andrew Clark, Board Chair

A note from Ms. Tricia Morton, our new Montessori Director:

I am thrilled to return home to St. Mark's Montessori School to serve as the new Montessori Director. I am eager to return to the community where our youngest daughter attended school. It will be a privilege to work with such a dedicated staff to guide students in reaching their maximum potential. I am also excited about the opportunity to build upon relationships with the staff, students, families and congregation. I understand the importance of this transition, and I want to assure everyone that it will take place with a great sense of care and collaboration.

Because of my beliefs in equal access and opportunity, I look forward to hearing your perspectives, creating shared experiences, and supporting one another's health and safety. My experience in Montessori administration, combined with my ability to identify opportunities, develop partnerships, and lead initiatives, will help build on St. Mark's Montessori's past successes and deliver an exciting future for St. Mark's.

I can't wait to see you all and I am eager to get started.

Ms. Tricia Morton

