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New Partnership Announced between Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School and Ellsworth Community Schools for 2018-2019

CHARLEVOIX, MI, July 30, 2018- Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School (CCH) and Ellsworth Community Schools (ECS) are proud to announce a new partnership to support CCH Montessori educators, kindergarten students and primary classroom program for the 2018-19 school year.

"Ellsworth Community School is very excited about this new opportunity to partner with Children's House to help provide a local Montessori kindergarten option for area families," said ECS Superintendent, Aaron Gaffney.

Through this partnership, Charlevoix Children's House directress, Molly Vargas, will be employed as an ECS teacher and CCH kindergarten students will be enrolled as Ellsworth Community Schools students and able to attend tuition free.

"I'm excited and thankful to be partnering with Ellsworth Community Schools. I'm happy to be able to continue to offer our quality Montessori program, including tuition-free kindergarten. ECS has a high standard for education and a true passion for their kids. I admire that and think it will be a great fit for CCH," stated Vargas.

Charlevoix Children's House is a Montessori three-year program, providing the structure and materials for every child to develop at their own pace and according to their interests. Beginning with Sensorial and Practical Life exercises in the first year, each student is free to explore, while also learning about the importance of community in the classroom and the larger world. As the students progress, they are introduced to more complex practical life skills as well as music, art, geography, and writing and blending sounds. In the third year, children will be encouraged to use their independence as leaders and caretakers in the school. Their places in the community have evolved from the youngest in need of assistance to the older more experienced roles. The skills from previous years have now naturally evolved into reading, writing and mathematics. Experiences in the natural world have led to botany, natural sciences and zoology. Listening to music and singing has transformed into playing music and musical theory. Their own natural rates of absorption and curiosity will lead these young minds through a strong base of education and which will serve them well in the years to come.

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