The DuFrocq School Community Meeting FAQ

• How many teachers are currently certified to teach in the Montessori program?

Currently, there is only one teacher and one school administrator that are Montessori certified.

• I appreciate the hard work you all are doing to implement sustainable standards for Montessori education at Dufrocq. It was stated that the district will pay for teachers' training and plan to recruit teachers to be Montessori teachers at an event but only if they are already certified. Is that correct?

Yes, we are recruiting certified teachers at the event.

• What incentives will be given to teachers who are already certified?

We are still working to determine the incentives for current teachers. Any decision must be presented to and approved by the board.

• What incentives aside from paying for training will be given to interested teachers? MACTE is going to be the standard, which is great to hear. Thank you all so much for your commitment to improving this wonderful program!

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• Is the Elementary 1 split a temporary or permanent change? If switching up the classes is temporary, how long will it last?

It's important to keep communication channels open and be transparent during this period to address any concerns and o

Elementary 1 classes

MACTE-accredited training facility. Her wealth of knowledge

| | everything they need for a smooth start in their new environment). |
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| January 29th | Students will begin instruction in their newly assigned classrooms. |
| | Transparent communication from school administration and district support will help to facilitate a successful transition for students, teachers, and staff alike. |

• Why were we just given this information? Why haven't we been given any information prior to the meeting?

We apologize for the delayed response from the district. After parental and community concerns were shared, it was necessary to establish a District taskforce that would organize efforts expeditiously. We began to research and compile information from the Louisiana Department of Education, Montessori accrediting agencies, and the instructional core framework. It was important for the task force to establish what a high-quality Montessori experience should be for our students, teachers, and parents.

• Why are the 4th and 5th grade Montessori classes being kept together?

This decision was based on several factors including grade levels and class size. There are low numbers of students in both 4th and 5th grade. The assigned paraprofessional will remain in the class. An additional paraprofessional will be assigned on designated days for instructional support.