

# West Side Montessori Academy

In partnership with Adeline Montessori School

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## Help us grow!

- We are West Side Montessori Academy, a 501(c)3 non-profit charter school partnered with Adeline Montessori School
- For secure tax-deductible donations please utilize our online donate button at <https://adelinemontessori.com/west-side-montessori-academy/>
- Our tax ID number is 85-2142582
- Our current location is 1441 N 24th St, Milwaukee, WI
- Our goal is to raise \$1 million by the beginning of summer!

## Donations and Financial Pledges

Dear potential donor(s),

Our school, Penfield Montessori Academy, was recently informed by its parent organization, Penfield Children's Center, that it will be permanently closing its doors at the end of the 2022/2023 school year. This news came as a wave of shock to the staff, students and families, who were eagerly planning for the upcoming school year. Staff and families quickly joined together to put a plan in place to keep our doors open for our students, who deserve an inclusive, diverse and equitable learning environment

Our school has officially partnered with Adeline Montessori School (AMS), a public non-profit charter school located in Oconomowoc, WI. AMS will be absorbing our institution as a satellite location, which will allow us to continue operating as a public non-profit charter school serving the greater Milwaukee region. AMS is classified as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization,

whose mission is also rooted in providing an inclusive and accessible Montessori education to individuals of all backgrounds and abilities.

AMS and our new institution, West Side Montessori Academy (WSMA), will be working closely together to ensure our success in the upcoming years. A few shared resources will be as follows: budgeting, healthcare services, material and supplies purchasing, professional development, specialty services (i.e. Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Pathologist, etc). While AMS is able to support our development and growth in many ways, they are not able to fiscally cover our day to day operational expenses and start-up costs. These costs must be covered through funds distributed by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and fundraising efforts. Since our current institution, Penfield Montessori Academy, will be no longer, we will not have any financial carry over from the previous school year to cover our expenses through the fall, which is when DPI distributes its first disbursement of student dollars. We have estimated that we will need to raise at least 1 million dollars to help us acquire a new building, cover material costs, and pay staff salaries until we receive our first month's payout of DPI student dollars in October. *If we are not successful in our fundraising efforts, all donations will be returned to the respective donors.*

**The newly formed West Side Montessori Academy is accepting donations of all sizes!**

### **What are our fundraising goals?**

\$1 million by the beginning of summer and an additional \$2 million by the end of the 2023/2024 academic year to support the growth of our school.

### **Why are we fighting so hard?**

Our kids have the opportunity to attend a school where children of all abilities & backgrounds are welcome. **80%** of our students are of minority races/ethnicities, nearly **30%** of our students have special education needs, and roughly **50%** are considered economically disadvantaged. Our kids are encouraged to explore and challenge themselves in ways that are individualized to them, while receiving in house services to ensure their independence and success. Our school is a tight-knit community that has grown into an incredible network of support over the past 7 years for our staff and families. We are so much more than a learning institution, we are a family and a home to many.

### **Want to learn more?**

- Visit our [our web-page](#)
- Read about us in the [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#)
- Reach out to us at [wsmontessoriacademy@gmail.com](mailto:wsmontessoriacademy@gmail.com)

## Ways to help us reach our goal of 1 million by summer:

- [Visit our web-page](#) and make a secure donation to our 501(c)3 organization through Adeline Montessori School
- [Donate to our GoFundMe](#) organized by our parents
- Purchase a [T-shirt that supports our mission](#)
- Attend/engage in our upcoming Gala (more info to come)
- Share resources, knowledge, and networks to help us reach our goals

The West Side Montessori Academy [web-page](#) provides more information regarding our **mission, intent**, and **partnership** with Adeline Montessori School. Enrollment and donate buttons can be located at the top and bottom of the page.

**Please consider supporting our school community the best way you know how.**

With warm regards,

The team from West Side Montessori Academy

### Financial donations of any size can be:

- Submitted through our secure online donation portal at <https://adelinemontessori.com/west-side-montessori-academy/>
- Mailed directly to our parent organization, Adeline Montessori School, at 995 S Sawyer Rd, Oconomowoc, WI 53066
- For any questions regarding donations you can reach out to Emily Rodriguez: (262)-424-8216, Dani Merar: (414)-614-3326, or Emily Mehlhorn: (715)-701-3476