



MONTCALM AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Our Vision: MAISD will be an educational partner in building strong communities.

Our Mission: In partnership with its communities, MAISD provides innovative & effective learning opportunities for students, schools and families.

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Montcalm Area ISD Reaches Agreement With the United States Department of Justice

Statement from Mark Christensen, Montcalm Area ISD Board of Education President

"Today, our Board unanimously approved an agreement with the Department of Justice regarding use of seclusion and restraint practices in our special education classrooms. Our Board is committed to addressing this situation in partnership with the DOJ, our superintendent, our staff, students, and families. Prior to this agreement, new MAISD leadership already took several proactive steps, including ending seclusion practices and use of school rooms for seclusion purposes, and hiring an intervention coordinator. Our Board fully supports Superintendent Flynn and shares her commitment to providing a safe, welcoming and nurturing learning environment that prepares our students for success. We will provide regular updates on our progress in fully implementing the agreement and are confident we will emerge an even stronger school community."

Statement from Katie Flynn, Montcalm Area ISD Superintendent

"I am looking forward to the upcoming school year. We are committed to providing a safe, nurturing, and welcoming learning environment. We have a dedicated team of staff serving our students and families. We have planned professional learning to support both students and staff with their work throughout the school year. Our leadership team looks forward to engaging with our community this year. As always, we remain committed to providing specially designed instruction that helps our students learn, grow and thrive."

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