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To: California Montessori Project Governing Board

From: James Hartley, Student Services Coordinator

RE: Transitional Kindergarten

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The state of California implemented the Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 in accordance with Senate Bill (SB) 1381 (Chapter 705, Statutes of 2010) amended California Education Code (Section 46300, 48000, and 48010) to change the required birthday for admission to kindergarten and first grade and established a transitional kindergarten program beginning in the 2012–2013 school year.

Transitional kindergarten is defined as the first year of a two-year kindergarten program that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum that is age and developmentally appropriate. Pursuant to law, (EC 48000[c]), a child is eligible for transitional kindergarten if a child will have his or her fifth birthday between:

For the 2013–14 school year October 2 and December 2

For the 2014–15 school year and each school year thereafter September 2 and December 2.

CMP would like to offer Transitional Kindergarten at the San Juan Campus (specifically at CMP Carmichael and CMP American River). CMP would limit transitional kindergarten enrollment to 10% of the total kindergarten population except in extraordinary circumstances.

We are currently servicing 5 mid-year kindergarten students at CMP Carmichael and they are already a part of a successful two year kindergarten program. This two year program for kindergarten is a perfect match for CMP. Montessori curriculum is designed for multi-age grouping. We have a differentiated curriculum in place due to our Montessori program but going forward we would need to define a curriculum guide for transitional kindergarten.

We believe that this is another way that CMP can service our community while adhering to legislation.