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**MANY RIVERS MONTESSORI ANNOUNCES  
WENDY REINSCH FISHER AS NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL**

[Duluth, MN] The Board of Trustees of Many Rivers Montessori (MRM) has selected Wendy Reinsch Fisher as its next Head of School, effective July 1, 2023.

“In Wendy, we have found a passionate and experienced educator who possesses the creativity, commitment, and vision to build on the excellent leadership provided by our founding Head of School Mark Niedermier, who will retire from headship in 2023 after 32 successful years as a head of school,” said John Kliewer, chair of the school’s Board of Trustees.

Fisher comes to Duluth and Many Rivers as a lifelong Montessori educator, leader, parent, and advocate. “I believe that Montessori pedagogy offers an elegant and coherent means for delivering an evidence-based education,” said Fisher. “Many Rivers Montessori’s commitment to authentic Montessori truly resonates with me. The educators here have created a warm, inviting and well-prepared learning environment. I am honored to work to further Many Rivers’ exciting and impactful educational mission.”

Fisher was Head of School at Mountaintop Montessori in Charlottesville, Virginia, a Montessori independent school, from 2004–2016. Other Montessori leadership roles include Managing Director of Great River School in St. Paul, Vice President of Education for LePort Schools, and Administrator Course Coordinator for Baishan Montessori Teacher Education Institute. She has also served on the board of the Virginia Association of Independent Schools.

Fisher holds Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) certifications at the Primary (preschool–Kindergarten) and Elementary (1st through 6th Grade) levels, as well as North American Montessori Teachers Association Adolescent (7th through 12th Grade) certification. She taught Montessori students at all three levels prior to becoming Head of School at Mountaintop Montessori.

Following her keen interest in Montessori pedagogy, Fisher has worked on research studies with noted Montessori researcher Angeline Lillard at the University of Virginia, and subsequently

completed her doctoral coursework in Educational Leadership at the same institution. She holds a Masters of Education from Loyola University of Maryland, a Bachelor of Science in Journalism from University of Maryland College Park, and a certification in Charter School Leadership from Southwest Minnesota State University.

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### **About Many Rivers Montessori**

Many Rivers Montessori was founded in 2014 and is committed to providing a world class Montessori educational program to Twin Ports families. The school enrolls more than 200 students from sixteen months through eighth grade. MRM is an inspired community of students, teachers and families coming together to grow generations of students who can change the world. Through world-class Montessori education, a focus on the whole child, and an inclusive and fun community, we cultivate independent, academically prepared, and socially responsible citizens who will be lifelong learners and creative problem solvers. The foundation of the school's educational philosophy is the 100-year-old Montessori method. For additional information, visit [www.manyriversmontessori.org](http://www.manyriversmontessori.org).