



Ambitious Montessori Network Expands To Northern Virginia

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Irvine, CA & Aldie, VA, January 5, 2016. LePort Schools, a leading provider of Montessori education in California, has acquired The Boyd School, a family-owned business operating seven Montessori schools in Northern Virginia. LePort will integrate the seven Boyd campuses into its community of schools, creating a bi-coastal network of authentic Montessori programs serving children from infancy through middle school.

“Building a platform that supports high fidelity, collaborative Montessori schools is exciting and important work,” said Ray Girn, CEO of LePort Schools. “Too often, we’ve seen schools, built by passionate and idealistic founders, slide into decline or disappear entirely when the owner decides to move on to their next phase in life. We are honored to have been chosen by MaryAnn Boyd and Tim Beckworth, the founders of The Boyd School, to safeguard and build upon their twenty-year legacy as educators.”

LePort Schools itself has grown from a small family operated business of four Montessori schools in 2009, to a professional network of 15 schools serving over 2,000 students. The company has invested significantly in its underlying platform, and is eager to help Montessori schools achieve pedagogical integrity at scale.

“When we started thinking about our next phase in life, we looked far and wide for a partner to whom we’d entrust our life’s work and legacy. Someone who’d appreciate the importance of Montessori done well, and someone who would be a missionary for what Montessori classrooms can offer children,” says MaryAnn Boyd, founder of The Boyd School. “We’re confident that LePort is that partner.”

Dr. Maria Montessori opened her first “Children’s House” in Rome in 1907. Achieving astounding results, she saw her educational philosophy blossom into a worldwide movement within decades. Yet many parents, even those who are otherwise actively involved in their children’s lives, are too often unaware of the benefits a Montessori education can offer. LePort Schools’ mission is to change that, and bring Montessori education into the educational mainstream. “Our goal is to demonstrate to the world, in a dramatic way just what is possible when education is done right. We want the world to see what great Montessori looks like, and how it can help children transform their lives for the better,” explained Girn. “Montessori should be on the table—in the center of the table, really—any time educational reform is discussed. It is, in my view, the key to an urgently needed educational revolution.”

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Parents interested in exploring a Montessori education are invited to visit the seven Northern Virginia campuses during our Montessori education weeks, February 22nd – March 4th.

Every school will have an open house on Saturday, February 27th, from 10 am – 1 pm; in addition, parents can choose to join one of a dozen free parent education sessions on topics ranging from setting up the home for a new baby to pursuing a bilingual education. For more details, visit www.leport.com/nova.



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