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### **Senator Vincent Sheheen Visits the Montessori School of Camden**

**CAMDEN** – Senator Vincent Sheheen visited The Montessori School of Camden to celebrate Dr. John Moncure’s 20-year tenure as Headmaster in honor of National Principals Month.

Dr. Moncure gave Senator Sheheen a tour of the school’s campus, where he was able to observe various innovative methods of instruction, including the “silence lesson”. Lower Elementary students also presented the senator with a handmade “Thank You” card.

“It’s great to come through again and walk with my friend Dr. Moncure and see, most importantly, how these kids just absolutely enjoy the learning experience here at the Montessori school,” said Senator Sheheen.

Dr. John Moncure began his role as Headmaster of the Montessori School of Camden in 1998. After leading a Montessori school in Beijing from 2004-2008, he returned to Camden and continued his role as Headmaster in 2008. During his time as Headmaster, he has expanded the school grounds and facilities, added private infant and middle school programs, and became one of the first schools in the state to safely reopen face-to-face during the COVID-19 pandemic. He announced his retirement earlier this year.

“When we moved to Camden in 1997, I wanted to do something that would be paying forward to the next generation what had been given to me growing up all those years,” said Dr. Moncure. “This has been the place where I can come every day and give back.”

A native of Camden himself, Senator Sheheen serves Kershaw, Lancaster, and Chesterfield counties. He is committed to passing legislation that makes South Carolina an excellent place to live, work, and visit.

“It is a joy and a pleasure to be here and really celebrate what is going to be a lasting legacy in our community of Dr. John Moncure,” said Senator Sheheen.

October has been declared National Principals Month by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and has become a nationwide month of recognition and gratitude for school leaders. The Charter Institute at Erskine has participated in the movement with a month-long social media campaign sharing content celebrating the many accomplishments of their portfolio of charter school leaders.

For more information, visit <https://www.vincentsheheen.com/> and <https://www.montessori-camden.com/home>. [Watch a video recap of the event here.](#)

