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## Montessori School of Camden named Charter Institute at Erskine Gold School of Excellence

**CAMDEN, SC**— The Montessori School of Camden (MSC) has been named a Charter Institute at Erskine 2021-2022 Gold School of Excellence. The Charter Institute at Erskine staff celebrated MSC's accomplishments with a surprise assembly on March 9 at the school, where they presented a commemorative banner.

"It was a wonderful day getting to celebrate our hard-working students," said Deb Cyrier, Head of School. "Acknowledging and celebrating these successes allows us to continue to strive toward excellence every year."

As a Gold School of Excellence, MSC's middle school program scored in the top 25% of all South Carolina Department of Education middle schools in Math. The middle school program was also named a Gold School of Distinction, meaning that it outperformed the local district and demonstrated above average growth in English and Math.

"Earning a School of Excellence award is an incredible accomplishment," says Mr. Cameron Runyan, Superintendent of the Charter Institute at Erskine. "It means even more that the Montessori School of Camden is receiving this distinction for the second year in a row, because replicating great success is the true mark of excellence. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to coming back again next year."

The Montessori School of Camden is a public, tuition-free charter school that serves students grades 5K-8. MSC offers a carefully developed Montessori-style of education and its mission is to nurture the "whole" child to inspire independence and a lifetime love of learning. It is authorized through the Charter Institute at Erskine and is a licensed ABC QUALITY childcare provider for infants to 4K. The lottery for the 2023-2024 school year at MSC is open now for infants and all grade levels. Applications will be accepted until April 14, and you can find more information at <a href="https://www.montessori-camden.com/lottery">https://www.montessori-camden.com/lottery</a>.

The Institute's other Schools of Excellence categories include Platinum and Diamond.

For more information about the Charter Institute at Erskine's School of Excellence Awards, visit <a href="https://erskinecharters.org/schools-of-excellence/">https://erskinecharters.org/schools-of-excellence/</a>.

## **About The Charter Institute at Erskine**

The Charter Institute at Erskine is the fastest-growing school district in South Carolina. Serving 24 schools and 24,000 students across the state, the Charter Institute at Erskine is committed to innovative, creative, high-quality methods of education. For more information about the Institute, please visit <a href="https://www.erskinecharters.org">www.erskinecharters.org</a>.





Students, and their parents, joined the Institute and MSC teams to celebrate this achievement.



Institute Superintendent Runyan praised Head of School Ms. Cyrier for this accomplishment.



Institute leadership and team members honored MSC leadership, teachers, and staff.



Mr. Rich Melzer, Institute Executive Deputy Superintendent of Innovation and Accountability, presents at the School of Excellence ceremony.