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Dear Seacoast Adult Learners,

I want to take a moment to share an important update and, most importantly, to reassure you that you are in good hands and fully supported as you complete your program.

In fall 2025, the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) revoked Seacoast's accreditation, and Seacoast is no longer an affiliated program of the American Montessori Society (AMS). This teach-out plan has been developed to ensure continuity of instruction, institutional stability, and equitable treatment for all currently enrolled adult learners, in full alignment with MACTE expectations and applicable requirements. This letter formally presents the teach-out plan for the Seacoast Center Montessori Teacher Education Program.

As a current Seacoast student, many of you have already completed your academic teaching cycle. What remains for most of you are final steps of your studies, such as finishing assignments, completing observations, submitting documentation, and moving toward recommendations.

Teach-Out Support and Continuity of Services

As part of the teach-out plan, I will continue to support you as Seacoast adult learners, in collaboration with the existing Seacoast instructional staff, to ensure the successful completion of program requirements.

This support includes:

- Academic Support, including:
 - Maintaining all Google Classrooms and Jotform submission portals for communications and assignment submissions
 - Ongoing grading and feedback on remaining assignments
 - Supervision and completion of required observations
- Administrative Support, including:
 - Advising and administrative support through program completion and recommendation
 - The housing of Seacoast academic and administrative files in cloud storage

In addition to this support, as a current adult learner, you have three options to choose from as to how you would like to proceed with your studies:

1. Option 1 - As a currently registered adult learner, you can finish at Seacoast on your established schedule and will be considered a graduate of an accredited institution.
2. Option 2 - As a current adult learner, you can transfer into *The Meridian Center for Montessori Studies*, knowing it is not yet accredited, and the timeline and outcome of the accreditation process is unknown.



3. Option 3 - As a current adult learner, you can choose to transfer to an accredited program. In this case, a teach-out agreement between Seacoast and the accredited program would need to be created.

For those who choose the second option, remaining program requirements will be completed through my newly established program, *The Meridian Center for Montessori Studies*, where I serve as Director. While the creation of an independent teacher education program has been a long-standing professional goal, Meridian will provide a supportive pathway to ensure continuity of Montessori educator preparation services for Seacoast Early Childhood, Elementary I, and Elementary II adult learners during the teach-out period.

Early Childhood Students

If you are a current Early Childhood adult learner, we have 32 hours of course content remaining from our summer schedule that was postponed due to my family emergency. I am grateful for your flexibility, and I am happy to share that these remaining hours will be completed through:

- Asynchronous Online coursework
- Live online class sessions
- Updated videos on Google Classroom

These sessions will be designed to fit your current school calendars and allow you to complete your program online via Google Classroom, with no additional travel or disruption to your academic school schedules.

Elementary Program Support

If you are a continuing Elementary adult learner (Elementary I and Elementary I & II), you will likewise receive continued support through Meridian. This includes guidance, documentation review, and academic support necessary for program completion and recommendation.

This includes:

- Academic Support, such as:
 - Maintaining all Google Classrooms and Jotform submission portals for communications and assignment submissions
 - Ongoing grading and feedback on remaining assignments
 - Supervision and completion of required observations
- Administrative Support, including:
 - Advising and administrative support through program completion and recommendation
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For Students Finalizing Documentation

Some of you are in the final phase, awaiting paperwork from prior academic experiences or submitting a small number of remaining assignments. We will continue working with you individually to make sure everything is completed clearly and smoothly.

You Are Not Doing This Alone

I want to be very clear:

You are not starting over, and you are not navigating this alone.

This transition is about continuity, completion, and our shared goal to help you cross the finish line with your work. Our teaching team remains fully committed to supporting you every step of the way.

Once you have received and reviewed this letter, please schedule a time to connect so we can discuss your progress, remaining requirements, and any questions you may have regarding completion.

Please notify me by **February 28, 2026** of the option you intend to pursue. If we do not hear from you by that date, we will understand that you have chosen to withdraw from the program. We are here to support you as you consider your next steps.

With appreciation and care,

Natasha M. McKenzie

The Meridian Center for Montessori Studies