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### **Metropolitan Montessori Schools (MMS) Becomes a Brazelton Touchpoints Recognized Provider**

Metropolitan Montessori Schools' commitment to parental involvement and support for families has been a trademark of the early education provider for more than 21-years. That commitment has now earned national recognition as they have become a Brazelton Touchpoints Recognized Provider.

The Brazelton Touchpoints Recognition Program is a program of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center, which was founded by renowned child development expert, T. Berry Brazelton, MD. The Program recognizes and distinguishes early education facilities that have demonstrated commitment to learning and integrating the Touchpoints Approach into their work. This approach requires on-going learning, reflective practice and professional development in order to use and build upon Dr. T. Berry Brazelton's life-long work in making professionals, organizations and entire communities more family focused.

"We have always believed that communication and partnership with families is critical to a child's success and to now be able to showcase that belief through this recognition program is an incredible opportunity. Dr. Brazelton's work in making families stronger and more active participants in their children's health care and education is groundbreaking and inspirational, so it is a tremendous honor to be a part of this new recognition program," said Aaron Carrara, MMS' Business Development Manager.

The Touchpoints Approach consists of positive tools for recognizing and embracing the strongest and best elements of families so that positive, trusting relationships can be formed around the child. These tools also allow service providers to share a common communications framework based on child development milestones and behaviors that are easily understood by all families.

**ABOUT Metropolitan Montessori Schools** – MMS offers quality early education in the Houston area based on the teachings of Maria Montessori. Ms. Montessori's work focused on children's natural need to learn and explore. Through the use of creative environments, MMS works to help children on their natural journey to self confidence, independence and competence. Along with strong curriculums for the children, MMS builds partnerships with the families because of the importance of families in a child's education. MMS believes parents are a child's first teacher and that the family's system of care is of utmost importance.

MMS operates two programs in the Houston area, Cathedral House Episcopal School and the Rice Children's Campus through its non-profit counterpart, The Center for Early Childhood Education (CECE). Cathedral House has been in operation for over 21-years, while the Rice Children's Campus is a brand new facility that opened this fall.

For more information about the Brazelton Touchpoints Center or Dr. Brazelton, please visit <http://www.touchpoints.org>. For more information about MMS, please visit <http://www.MetropolitanMontessoriSchools.org>.

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