



Munir Shivji

AMS Executive Director

Munir Shivji has served as Executive Director of the American Montessori Society (AMS) since 2020, providing strategic leadership for the world's largest Montessori organization. He leads a global membership association serving more than 22,000 educators, school leaders, teacher education programs, and schools while overseeing an annual operating budget exceeding \$7.5 million and a multidisciplinary staff of nearly 30 professionals, including an executive leadership team of five senior directors responsible for advancing the organization's strategic priorities.

Munir provides executive leadership for AMS's national portfolio of accreditation, teacher education, credentialing, professional learning, membership, advocacy, research, publications, marketing and communications, and organizational operations. He provides the vision, executive leadership, and creative direction for The Montessori Event, the world's largest Montessori conference, welcoming more than 4,000 educators and leaders annually.

As the chief executive and principal spokesperson for AMS, Munir represents AMS nationally and internationally, cultivating strategic partnerships across the global Montessori movement to advance collaboration, strengthen educational quality, and expand the reach and impact of Montessori education.

Munir's Montessori experience spans the full educational and leadership continuum. Before his appointment as Executive Director, he served as a teacher assistant, AMS adult learner, Montessori teacher, program director, head of school, teacher education faculty member, and teacher education program director. He also served on the AMS Board of Directors and contributed extensively as a volunteer on AMS committees and initiatives. His experience across classrooms, schools, teacher preparation, governance, and association leadership gives him a unique perspective on the diverse community AMS serves.

Under Munir's leadership, AMS has evolved into a more comprehensive Montessori institution, connecting community, professional learning, accreditation and credentialing, research, advocacy, publications, and global engagement around a shared vision for the future of Montessori education, ultimately ensuring that educators and schools are better equipped to serve the development and potential of every child.