



American Montessori Society 2030 Strategic Plan

Strengthen the Montessori Ecosystem Through Inclusive Pathways and Professional Growth

Develop and streamline accessible, equitable, and relevant entry and advancement opportunities for individuals and institutions across roles, sectors, and regions.

1. Research and redesign AMS's Teacher Education Affiliation process and the work of the Teacher Education Action Commission (TEAC) to ensure consistency and clarity across affiliated programs and advance Montessori teacher education for the future generations.
2. Strengthen the AMS brand of high-quality Montessori teacher preparation by introducing flexible pathways that honor diverse experiences, learning preferences, and delivery models—enhancing accessibility and innovation while preserving pedagogical integrity and the core principles of Montessori education.
3. Establish role-specific professional development tracks and enhance AMS's digital learning infrastructure.
4. Streamline the School Accreditation process for clarity, efficiency, and impact.

Deepen Community and Belonging Across the AMS Network

Foster a strong sense of connection and shared identity by creating more opportunities for meaningful relationships and regionalized experiences within the AMS community—locally, nationally, and globally.

5. Strengthen and expand affinity groups, the Regional Action Commission (to include global initiatives), and the Community Engagement & Action Committee (CEAC).
6. Cultivate global relationships through international collaboration and partnerships with existing schools.
7. Strengthen AMS fellowships, think tanks, and the Montessori Leaders Collective to cultivate innovation, leadership, and stronger community relationships.

8. Increase consistent, inclusive communication touchpoints across all member segments.
9. Advance local, regional, and global professional learning events to deepen grassroots engagement.

Position AMS as the Trusted Global Voice in Montessori Education

Leverage AMS's leadership to shape global public understanding of Montessori and policy, elevate the visibility of high-fidelity Montessori education, and guide the movement's growth through storytelling, data-driven research, and strategic messaging.

10. Launch public awareness campaigns and strategic thought-leadership initiatives.
11. Develop a cohesive content strategy across podcasts, position papers, publications, and blogs.
12. Promote the "Call to the Profession" and lead workforce recruitment messaging efforts.
13. Clarify and strengthen AMS global branding and public positioning across all platforms to help influence policy.
14. Establish and strengthen the AMS research arm by restructuring the AMS Research Committee to foster a culture of research-informed teaching. Improve access to evidence-based strategies, resources, and supports that bridge the gap between research and classroom practice.

Innovate Systems and Offerings to Maximize Long-Term Impact

Reimagine AMS's infrastructure, systems, and services to be scalable, adaptable, and future-ready—delivering sustainable growth and value across geographies and constituencies.

15. Drive a digital transformation that includes professional development tracking, app-based tools, and enhancements to AMS Learning.
16. Expand the accessibility of The Montessori Event for greater impact in both in-person and virtual settings.
17. Evaluate AMS membership structure to align with evolving community needs.
18. Define AMS's global engagement strategy and develop scalable services such as shared tools and institutional resources.