



High Desert Montessori Charter School

101 Fantastic Drive. Reno, Nevada 89512 - 775-624-2800

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**Board of Directors Meeting
9/30/2026 @ 5:30 PM on Google Meet**

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The Board of Directors will receive public comment virtually, in person, or via email, at publiccomment@hdmsreno.com. All public comments received before and during the meeting will be provided to the Board of Directors. Such comments shall not be read aloud at the meeting but will be recorded in the public record and in the minutes. In-person public comment will be limited to 3 minutes. No action can be taken on any comments, but public input is welcome.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
2. Public Comment
3. Adopt the Agenda (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
4. Approval of Board Minutes from 8/26/2026 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
5. Approval of Shauna Ganes as an HDMS Board Member and the HDMS PTO Board Liaison (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
6. Approval of the NAC386.400 and NAC386.350 Report (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
7. Approval of Change in Authorized Signers on United Federal Credit Union account. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
8. Approval of Change in Authorized Signers on Edward Jones Investment account. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
9. Approval of Change in Authorized Signers on Wells Fargo account. (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)
10. Principal Board Report (FOR DISCUSSION)
 - a. Presentation of NEPF Report and Star Rating
 - b. Update on MTSS changes and interventions
11. PTO Liaison Report
12. Staff Liaison Report
13. Public Comment
14. Adjournment and Future Agenda Items (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)



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Items not acted on at this meeting may be acted on at future meetings.

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Board of Directors Meeting
August 26, 2026, @ 5:30 (Via Google Meet)
101 Fantastic Drive, Reno, Nevada 89512

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 5:32

Anthony Arger (not present)
Ashley Allen (joined at 5:39)
Bonnie Pillaro
Kristen Ashbaugh
Nancy Smith
Pamala Pollard
Reid Riker

2. Public Comment

Public comment was heard.

3. Adopt the Agenda

Member Smith motions to adopt the agenda with the addition of “for possible action” to Item 6 (see supporting documents), Member Ashbaugh seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously.

4. Approval of 6/17/26 Board Meeting Minutes

Member Pollard motions to approve the minutes from the 6/17/26 Board Meeting (see supporting documents), Member Smith seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously, with Members Ashbaugh and Pillaro abstaining.

5. Approval of \$100,000 from Edward Jones Account For OSHA Fines and Air Conditioning Maintenance

Administrator Jordan presented the request for a withdrawal of \$100,000 from the Edward Jones account to cover OSHA fines, air conditioner repairs, and van repairs.

Member Ashbaugh motions to approve the withdrawal, Member Allen seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously.

6. Approval of the Switch Administrator/Signer from Eric Perez to Jonas Schenzel on all official accounts including the Nevada Department of Agriculture

Administrator Jordan presented the need for Board approval to change the designated Administrator and

Authorized Signer on all official accounts, including accounts with the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA), banking institutions, and other applicable official accounts. The change is from Eric Perez to Jonas Schenzel.

Member Pillaro motions to approve the change of Administrator and Authorized Signer from Eric Perez to Jonas Schenzel on all applicable official accounts. Member Smith seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously.

7. Principal Update

Administrator Schenzel presented the Principal Update.

8. Public Comment

Public comment was heard.

9. Adjournment and Future Agenda Items

Members discussed future agenda items.

Member Ashbaugh motions to adjourn the meeting, Member Pillaro seconds the motion, and it passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned.

HIGH DESERT MONTESSORI SCHOOL NAC 386.350(3) 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR EMPLOYEES: DUTIES, CREDENTIALS & QUALIFICATIONS							
#	NAME	JOB TITLE LIC #- EXPIR & ENDORSEMENTS	INSTRUCT. OR NON-INSTR.	EDUCATION CREDENTIALS	DUTIES	RELEVANT WORK EXP/QUALIFICATION	FP
CERTIFIED STAFF							
	ADAMS, Larry	Middle School Science Teacher ● NV Secondary 7-12 Biological Science, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry Teaching Lic. #114274 exp. 11/22/2029	INSTRUCTIONAL	● AMI Montessori Adolescent Certification, Denver, CO, July 2023 ● Univ. of Michigan, PhD in Biological Chemistry, 1998 ● Univ. of Wyoming, MS in Animal Science, 1986 ● Univ. of California Irvine, Secondary Teaching Credential, 1975 ● Univ. of California Berkley, BA in Zoology, 1974	-Teacher: Science Grades 7 and 8 185-day Contract	● HDMS Middle School Science teacher since 2020 ● enCompass Academy, High School Science Teacher, 2016-2020 ● Ramona High School, High School Science Teacher, 2014-2016 ● San Diego School for Creative & Performing Arts, Middle School Science Teacher, 2008-2013 ● Norwalk High School, High School Science Teacher, 2004-2008 ● Cheyenne East High School, Science Department Chairperson, 1982-1990 ● Laramie Community College, Chemistry Instructor, 1988	Yes
	AGUILERA, Jessica	Middle School ELA Teacher ● NV Alternative K-8 Teaching Lic. #230330 exp 10/23/28 ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #230330 exp 08/04/29	INSTRUCTIONAL	● UNLV MA-Elementary Ed, 2025 ● UNR MA-World Languages & Literature, 2017 ● UNR BA- Spanish & Marketing, 2007	-Teacher: ELA Grades 7 and 8 185-day Contract	● HDMS Adolescent ELA Teacher since 2025 ● Teacher, Mariposa Academy, grades 5- 6, 2024-2025 ● Teacher, Lake Tahoe Community College, Spanish, 2022-2025 ● Graduate Teaching Assistant, UNR, 2014-2016 ● Teacher, English, 2017-2022	Yes
	ALMANZA RIVERA, Noemi	Primary 3-6 Teacher ● NV Provisional K-8 Elementary Teaching Lic ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #221069 exp. 3/1/2027	INSTRUCTIONAL	● Nevada State University, Henderson, NV, BA Elementary Ed, 2025 ● TMCC Reno, AA Elementary Ed Prep ● Wooster HS, Reno, NV, Diploma 2018	-Kindergarten and Primary Teacher: children ages 3-6 185-day Contract	● HDMS Kindergarten and Primary Teacher since 2026 ● HDMS Primary Assistant 2019-2026	Yes

	BARRY, Robin L.	Upper Elem Teacher ● NV Secondary 7-12 English #80908 exp 8/24/2030 ● NV Secondary 7-12 Social Studies #80908 exp 8/24/2030 ● NV K-8 Gifted & Talented #80908 exp 8/24/2030	INSTRUCTIONAL	● AMI Montessori Adolescent Studies Certificate 2012 ● Univ. of NV, Reno, M Ed, Secondary Ed., Dec, 2008 + 9 Grad units ● Sierra Nevada College, BA, English, <i>magna cum laude</i>, Aug, 2006 ● Feather River College, Quincy, CA, AA, Liberal Studies, Aug 2004 ● Pierce Comm. College, Woodland Hills, CA, Gen. Ed/Early Childhood Ed undergrad coursework, 1995-1998	-Teacher: Upper Elem Grades 4, 5, and 6 185-day Contract	● HDMS Upper EI Teacher: 4,5,6 since 2026 ● California Montessori Project Middle School ELA2024-2026 ● HDMS Middle School ELA teacher since 2010 ● HDMS Middle School Aide & Substitute, 09-10SY ● Long-Term Sub/Teacher Aide, Rainshadow Comm. HS, Reno, NV, Jan 2008 – Jan 2010 ● Student Teacher, Washoe HS, Aug 2008-Dec 2008 ● Volunteer, AmeriCorps literacy coach, 2002-03 ● Guide Asst., Mountain View Montessori School, Reno, NV, Aug 1999-June 2002 ● Recreation/Senior Rec Leader, ages 6-12, Washoe Co Parks & Rec, June 1999-Jan 2001 ● House Tech, Sagewind Adolescent Treatment Ctr, Reno, NV, Aug 1999-Dec 2000 ● Volunteer, Los Angeles PD Teen Comm. Ctr, 1998	Yes
	BERFIELD, Jamie A.	Upper Elem Teacher ● NV K-8 Teaching Lic. #34296 exp 10/2/2031 ● NV K-8 Mathematics #34296 exp 10/2/2031 ● NV K-8 Gifted & Talented #34296 exp 10/2/2031	INSTRUCTIONAL	● Gifted & Talented Endorsement, 2016 ● AMS Montessori Credential Lower and Upper Elementary, 2014 ● Lesley University, MA, Ed. ● Univ. of NV, Las Vegas, BS, Ed.	-Teacher: Lower Elem Grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	● HDMS Lower EI Teacher: 1,2,3 since 2026 ● HDMS Upper EI Teacher: 4,5,6 2024-2026 ● HDMS Lower EI Teacher: 1,2,3 2017-2024 ● HDMS Upper EI Teacher: 4,5,6 2008-2017 ● 7th Grade Teacher, HDMS 2007-2008 ● Explore Knowledge Academy Charter K-8, 2005-2007 ● Kindergarten-First Grade Teacher, Hinman EI, Henderson, NV 1998-2005 ● Second Grade Teacher, Walter Long, 1997-1998	Yes
	CALDWELL, Amber	Upper Elem Teacher ● NV K-12 Alternative Elementary Lic. #222977 exp. 6/20/2027	INSTRUCTIONAL	● AMS training at Country Montessori School of Poway, 2026 ● UNR, Reno, NV, MA Rhetoric, 2023 ● UNR, Reno, NV, BA Fine Arts, 2021	-Teacher: Upper Elem Grades 4, 5, and 6 185-day Contract	● HDMS Upper EI Teacher 4,5,6 since 2023 ● UNR, Teaching Assistant, 2021-2023 ● AAA, Battery Technician, 2017-2020 ● HDMS, Teaching Assistant, 2014-2018	Yes
	CAMPBELL, Emily	Special Education Teacher ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #96140 exp 6/19/2028	INSTRUCTIONAL	● UNR Elementary Ed/ Special Ed BS 2014 ● Moorpark College Exotic Animal Training AS 2011	-Special Education Teacher, part-time 88-day Contract	● HDMS Special Education Teacher since 2026 ● HDMS Interventionist 2024-2026 ● WCSD Substitute Teacher 2018-2020 ● WCSD Clayton, Special Ed Math Teacher, 2014-2015	

	HAYES, Chrishana	Special Education Teacher ● NV K-8 Teaching Lic. 55688 exp 7/16/2027 ● NV K-8 Special Education Generalist Teaching Lic. 55688 exp 7/16/2027 ● NV K-12 Eng Language Acquisition & Development Lic. 55688 exp 7/16/2027 ● NV K-12 Eng Language Acquisition & Development Lic. 55688 exp 7/16/2027	INSTRUCTIONAL	- National Board Certification Literacy, 2007 - TESOL Certification, 2006 - UNR, Reno, NV, MA Literacy, 2005 - UNR, Reno, NV, BS Elementary & Special Ed, 1993	-Teacher: SPED 90-day Contract	- HDMS Special Education Teacher since 2025 - English Language Facilitator, Double Diamond Elementary School, 2024-2025 - Literacy Specialist, Doral Academy of Northern Nevada, 2023-2024 - Part-Time Senior Manager, TNTP, 2021-2024 - Special Education Resource Teacher, 2022-2023 - Curriculum Writer, Odell Publishing, 2022-Present - English Language Development Program Facilitator, Washoe County School District, 2020-2022 - Literacy Specialist, Washoe County School District, 2018 – 2020 - Facilitator ELA/MLL, UnboundEd, 2016-Present - Teacher, 1st, 2nd, 3rd grades, Washoe County School District, 1994-2018	Yes
	JONES, Corey	Upper Elem Teacher ● NV K-8 Elementary Teaching Lic. #116388 exp. 07/05/2031	INSTRUCTIONAL	- The Center for Guided Montessori Studies, Park City, Utah Elementary Credential, 2023 - Mills College, Oakland, CA, MA in Educational Leadership - Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ, M Ed in Elementary Education, 2019 - California State University, BA in Studio Art, 2004	-Teacher: Upper Elem Grades 4, 5, and 6 185-day Contract	- HDMS Upper EI Teacher, Grades 4, 5, 6 since 2022 - WCSD O'Brian Middle School Teacher, 2017-2022 - St. Mary's, Yoga and Fitness Instructor, 2010-2017	Yes
	KAPELLAS, Lisa	Primary 3-6 Teacher ● NV K-8 Elementary Teaching Lic. #93665 exp 8/20/2026 ● NV 0-7 YRS SPED Early Child Dev Delayed #93665 exp 8/20/2026	INSTRUCTIONAL	- AMS Lower Elementary Credential, 2014 - UNR, M Ed ECE-SPED, 2012 - Montessori Education Center of the Rockies, Early Childhood Credential, 2000 - University of Denver, Teacher Ed Program, 1996 - University of Colorado, BA Anthropology, 1996	-Kindergarten and Primary Teacher: children ages 3-6 185-day Contract	- HDMS Kindergarten and Primary Teacher since 2015 - Lower EI Teacher, Monarch Montessori, 2013-2015 - Primary Teacher, SF Public Montessori, 2012-2013 - Primary Teacher, Little Elephant Montessori, 2007-2008 - Montessori Lead Teacher de Terra Linda, 2007	Yes

	KELLEY, Candace	School Counselor ● School Counselor Lic #57761 ext 10/2/2031	INSTRUCTIONAL	● UNR, MA Educational Psychology w/ emphasis in School Counseling, 2003 ● National Board Counselor ● National Certified School Counselor ● La Sierra University, BA Clinical Psychology, 1995	-School Counselor: children age 3 - 8th Grade 185-day Contract	● HDMS School Counselor since 2024 ● WCSD SIP Counselor, 2016-2024 ● WCSD School Counselor, 2004-2016 ● Aspen Youth Counseling at the Boys & Girls Club, 98-04 ● West Hills Hospital, Mental Health Tech, 94-98	Yes
	MANNING, Samantha	Primary 3-6 Teacher ● NV K-8 Elementary Teaching Lic. #230531 exp 11/8/2031 ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #230531 exp 11/8/2028	INSTRUCTIONAL	● UNR, BS Elementary Ed, 2025	-Kindergarten and Primary Teacher: children ages 3-6 185-day Contract	● HDMS K/Pre-K since 2026 ● WCSD Long-Term Substitute, 2025 ● Zoo'n Around Preschool, Lead Teacher, 2023-2025	
	MARCONDES, Jennifer	Upper Elem Teacher ● NV K-8 Teaching Lic. #35299 exp 2/2/2031	INSTRUCTIONAL	● AMS Montessori Credential Lower & Upper Elementary, 2023 ● University of Wisconsin River Falls MEd ● Western Governors University, BA in Interdisciplinary Studies (K-8), 2018	-Teacher: Upper Elem Grades 4, 5, and 6 185-day Contract	● HDMS Upper EI Teacher 4,5,6 since 2022 ● HDMS Lower EI Teacher 1,2,3 2018-2022 ● Substitute Teacher, Washoe County School District, 2015-2018 ● Assistant Teacher, HDMS, 2013-2017 ● Assistant Teacher, Traner Middle School, 2002-2012	Yes
	NICHOLS, Amanda	Lower Elem Teacher ● NV K-8 K-8 Teaching Lic. #228406 exp 03/04/2032	INSTRUCTIONAL	● Northern Arizona University, MEd, 2016 ● Northern Arizona University, BS Sociology, 2004	-Teacher: Lower Elem Grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	● HDMS Lower EI Teacher 1,2,3 since 2024 ● HDMS Interventionist 2023-2024 ● Ms. Amanda's Preschool, Clarkdale, AZ, preschool teacher & tutor, 2015-2023 ● Early Head Start, Clarkdale & Cottonwood, AZ, infant teacher, 2011-2015 ● Dr. Daniel Bright School, Cottonwood, AZ, kindergarten teacher, 2008-2010 ● Ash Fork School, Ash Fork, AZ, kindergarten teacher, 2005-2008 ● Foresight Learning Center, Flagstaff, AZ, preschool teacher, 1998-2005	Yes

	NIEMANN, Elyse	Upper Elem Teacher ● NV K-8 Teaching Lic. #76415 exp 12/29/2028 ● NV Secondary 7-12 Social Studies, Russian exp 12/29/2028	INSTRUCTIONAL	- AMS Montessori Credential Lower and Upper Elementary, 2016 - Sierra Nevada College Teacher Certificate Program, 2008 - UC Davis, M.S. Agricultural & Resources Economics, 1999 - UC Davis BA International Relations & Russian, 1995	-Teacher: Upper Elem Grades 4, 5, and 6 185-day Contract	- HDMS Upper EI Teacher, Grades 4, 5, 6 since 2014 - Teacher: Diamond Valley Elem. Gr 1,.2 2008-2011 - Teacher: South Tahoe Middle School, Gr 7,8 2008 - Teacher: Jack's Valley Elem. Gr 6 2007 - Sub Teacher: Lake Tahoe USD 2007-2008 - Long-Term Sub: Lake Tahoe School Gr K 2006	Yes
	NOLES, Alecs	Speech & Language Pathologist ● NV 3-21 YRS Speech & Language Impairments #94844 exp 4/27/2027	INSTRUCTIONAL	- UNR, MS in Speech Pathology & Audiology, 2012 - UNR, BS in Speech Pathology & Audiology, 2010 - ASHA - Board of Examiners' Licenses	-Speech & Language Pathologist age 3-8th Grade 185-day Contract	- HDMS Speech & Language Pathologist since 2023 - WCSD Speech & Language Pathologist 2020-2023 - WCSD Speech & Language Pathologist 2012-2019 - WCSD Teacher Aide, 2006-2012	Yes
	OVARD, Rachel	Lower Elem Teacher ● NV Elementary K-8 Teaching Lic. #68911 exp. 5/15/2027	INSTRUCTIONAL	- AMS Montessori Elementary Credential, 2025 - UNR, BS in Elementary Education, 2006	-Teacher, Lower Elem Grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	- HDMS Lower EI Teacher: 1,2,3 since 2022 - Elementary Teacher, Douglas County School District, 2016-2022 - Elementary Teacher, Carson City School District, 2007-2016 - Elementary Teacher, Yerington-Lyon County School District, 2006-2007	Yes
	QUINTIERI, Christine	Primary 3-6 Teacher ● NV Special 0-2G Early Childhood Lic. #87794 exp 2/27/2030	INSTRUCTIONAL	- Loyola College, MA in Montessori, 2013 - Sierra NV College, BS, Environmental Science, 2002 - Everett Community College, Everett, WA, AA Degree, 1995	-Kindergarten and Primary Teacher: children ages 3-6 185-day Contract	- HDMS K/Pre-K since Aug 2010 - HDMS Primary Program since Aug 2009 - Various types of academic environmental programs, 2001-2009	Yes
	REEDER, Autumn	Lower Elem Teacher ● NV K-8 Teaching Lic. exp 3/1/2029 ● NV Special Ed I-12 Lic #102116 exp 3/1/2029	INSTRUCTIONAL	- MA Education, 2026 - AMS Montessori Credential 2024 - ARL Conversion ITeach 2021 - Alliant International University, Clear Credential SPED (CA), 2011 - Oakland Teaching Fellows, Oakland Practitioners Teaching Program - San Francisco State University, BA Liberal Studies,2010	-Teacher: Lower Elem Grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	- HDMS Lower EI Teacher: 1,2,3 since 2019 - HDMS Special Ed Teacher since Sept 2018-2019 - Corbett Elementary Special Education Teacher, 2014-2017 - Education Coordinator, Artown, Reno, Nevada, 2016-2019 - McDowell & McKinley Elementary Special Education Teacher, 2013-2014 - Anova Center for Education, Education Specialist, 2011-2013	Yes

	REMICK, Mary	Special Ed Teacher ● NV Special Ed K-12 Lic # 210509 exp. 6/15/2029	INSTRUCTIONAL	● Northern Vermont University, MA Fine Arts, 2003 ● School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL, BFA program courses, 1999 ● Southeastern Louisiana State University, LA, Graduate Courses in Elementary Special Ed, 1998 ● Marlboro College, BA Fine Arts, Painting/Sociology, 1996	-Teacher: SPED 185-day Contract	● HDMS Special Education Teacher since 2025 ● HDMS Middle School Math teacher 2024-2025 ● Pine Middle School Special Ed teacher 2020-2024 ● Charlestown Middle School Special Ed teacher 2008-2020 ● Hartford Autism Regional Program teacher 2005-2008	Yes
	RHODES, Christina	Lower Elem Teacher ● NV K-8 Teaching Lic. 227853 exp 2/27/27 ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #227853 exp. 5/15/2028	INSTRUCTIONAL	● UNR, BS Elementary Ed, 2018 ● TMCC, AA, 2016	-Teacher: Lower Elem Grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	● HDMS Lower EI Teacher: 1,2,3 since 2024 ● WCSD Substitute Teacher 2017-2024	Yes
	RHODES, Jennifer	Primary K Teacher ● NV K-8 Elementary Teaching Lic. #238687 exp 1/10/2031 ● NV 0-2G Early Childhood Lic. #238687 exp 1/10/2031	INSTRUCTIONAL	● Southeast Missouri State University ESL MA in Progress ● Univ of Missouri St Louis, BS Elem. Ed 2008	-Kindergarten Teacher 185-day Contract	● HDMS Kindergarten Teacher since Aug 2026 ● St. Charles Borrome Catholic School Kindergarten Teacher, 2024-2025 ● Catapult Learning, Title 1 Reading & Math Intervention Teacher, 2022-2024 ● Charlotte County Schools, Kindergarten Teacher, 2019-2022 ● Laude School District, Pre-K Teacher, 2011-2019 ● Literacy Intern, School District of Clayton, 2009-2010	Yes
	RICHARDS, Kaleigh	Assistant Principal ● NV K-8 Teaching Lic. #93584 exp. 10/31/2030 ● NV School Administrator Lic. #93584 exp. 10/31/2030	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	● CAREIALL Mastery Literacy Training ● NAMC Montessori Early Childhood Training, 2026 ● WGU, MS Educational Leadership, 6/24/ 2021 ● Xavier, MA of Montessori, 2018 ● AMS Montessori Elementary Credential 6-12, 2017 ● University of Phoenix, BA Elem Ed, 2013	-HDMS Assistant Principal - <i>Ex officio</i> member of all committees -Teacher Evaluations -Montessori Coach -Testing -Student Discipline -Parent Concerns 195-day Contract	● HDMS Assistant Principal since 2023 ● HDMS Montessori Advisor 2022-2023 ● HDMS Upper EI Teacher: Gr 4, 5, 6 since 2014-2022 ● Student Teacher: Hidden Valley Elem. 2013 ● Sub. Teacher: WCSD K-6 2012-2013	Yes

	SCHENZEL, Jonas	Principal ● NV Special Ed K-12 Lic # 109069 exp. 8/18/2027 ● NV School Administrator Lic. Lic # 109069 exp. 8/18/2027	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	● Sierra Nevada University, MAE Administration, Incline Village, NV, 2020 ● Sierra Nevada University, MAT Special Education, Incline Village, NV, 2017 ● UNR, Reno, BS Human Development & Family Studies, 2012	-HDMS Principal/Executive Director -<i>Ex officio</i> member and organizer of all committees -Curriculum supervision, liaison to WCSD, NDOE, USDE -Teacher Evaluations -Montessori Coach -Compliance reports: School Performance Plan; audit liaison -Oversees Special Ed. process; student SVCS contractors liaison -Testing analyst, resource acquisition for school needs -Student Discipline -Parent Concerns 215-day Contract	● HDMS Principal since 2026 ● Alpine Academy, Sparks, NV, Assistant Principal, 2025-2026 ● Alpine Academy, Sparks, NV, Director of Student Services/Dean of Students, 2024-2025 ● Slopes4Sanity Nonprofit Founder & CEO, 2022-2026 ● Mater Academy of Northern Nevada, Innovative Learning Instructional Coach, 2023-2024 ● Mater Academy of Northern Nevada, Special Education Facilitator, 2019-2024 ● Elkins Elementary, Saginaw, Texas, Resource/Content Mastery Teacher, 2017-2018 ● Truckee Meadows School Willow Springs RTC, Special Education Teacher, 2016-2018 ● Maple Star Specialized Community Services, Rehabilitation Skills Coordinator, 2012-2014	Yes
	TINAJERO, Celeste	Middle School Social Studies Teacher ● NV K-8 Teaching Lic. #213280 exp. 9/27/2030	INSTRUCTIONAL	● UNR, BS, Integrated Elementary Ed with ELD Emphasis, 2022 ● TMCC AS Integrated Elementary Ed, 2018	-Teacher: Social Studies, Grades 7 and 8 185-day Contract	● HDMS Middle School Social Studies Teacher since 2025 ● Teacher, Mater Academy of Northern Nevada, 5th Grade ELA, 2022-2025 ● Long-Term Sub/Intern, WCSD, 2021-2022 ● Education Program Manager, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, 2014-2018	Yes
	WOMACK, Chelsey	Lower Elem Teacher ● NV K-8 Teaching Lic. 89573 exp 5/21/2027	INSTRUCTIONAL	● UNR Reno, MA Literacy, 2012. K-8, Reno, NV, 2012 ● UNR, Reno, BS Elementary Ed, 2009	-Teacher: Lower Elem Grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	● HDMS Lower EI Teacher: 1,2,3 since 2025 ● WCSD Elementary Teacher 2023-2024 ● WCSD Elementary Teacher 2014-2021 ● Teacher, 1st Grade, Our Lady of the Snows School, 2011-2014 ● WCSD Elementary Teacher, 2009-2011	Yes

TEACHERS-IN-TRAINING/SUBSTITUTES							
	BENAVIDES, Danielle	NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #239389 exp. 9/25/2030	INSTRUCTIONAL	- American University, Washington, DC, MA History, 2005 - American University, Washington, DC, BA History, 2005	-Substitute -Adolescent Creative Expression Instructor	- HDMS Substitute since 2025 - Adolescent Creative Expression Instructor since 2025 - General Federation of Women's Clubs, Washington, DC, 2026-2027 - Association of American Medical Colleges, Archivist, 2005-2006 - George Washington's Mount Vernon, Librarian, 2003	Yes
	CADWELL, Nathan	NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #74752 exp. 8/30/2030	INSTRUCTIONAL	UNR, Reno, NV, Bachelor's in Secondary Ed and Math	-Teacher: ELA Grades 7 and 8 185-day Contract	HDMS Adolescent Math Teacher since 2026	Yes
	CHAVARRIA, Pamela	Primary 3-6 Teacher/ AMI Montessori Classroom Guide	INSTRUCTIONAL	- AMI Montessori certification, Montessori Institute of San Diego, La Jolla, CA, July, 2009 (3-6 yr. olds) - HS diploma	-Kindergarten and Primary Teacher: children ages 3-6 185-day Contract	- HDMS Primary Montessori Guide since 2007 - HDMS Primary Assistant and pre-K Montessori Childcare, 2004-2007 2 yrs Child Care Teacher Assistant: Washoe HS	Yes
	DESTEFANI, Sunny	Classroom Aide NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #229881 exp 8/25/2029	INSTRUCTIONAL	- TMCC, Reno, NV, AA 2014 - Great Basin College, AAS-Early Childhood Education, 2014	-Assistant, Primary Montessori Program 185-day Contract	- HDMS Primary Assistant since 2014 - Christ Lutheran Preschool Substitute 2009-2010 - Consumer Direct Care, Caregiver, 2007-2012 - Battle Mountain Dental, Dental Assistant, 2006-2007 - KinderCare, Caregiver, 2005-2006	Yes
	DILL, Yavanna	Classroom Aide NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #237528 exp 10/1/2030	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	UNR coursework in Music & Graphic Design, Associate equivalent, 2022-current	-Assistant, Lower Elementary grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	- HDMS Elementary Assistant since 2025 - Private music teacher, It's All About Music, 2023-2025	Yes
	KALLAS, Kolton	Aftercare Enrichment Staff NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #230180 exp 5/2/2029	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	- TMCC, Reno, NV, various coursework - Reed HS, Sparks, NV, diploma	-Assistant, grades K-8 180-day Contract	HDMS Aftercare Assistant since 2022	Yes
	LANDA MUNOZ, Magdalena	Classroom Aide NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #101190 exp 7/7/27	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	UNR, MA in Teaching, 2024	-Assistant, Upper Elementary grades 4, 5, and 6 185-day Contract	- HDMS Upper Elementary Assistant 4,5,6 since 2026 - Boys & Girls Club, Grant Administrator 2025-2026	Yes

	MANIBOG, Ashley	Classroom Aide ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. # 238833 exp 08/05/30	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	● UNR Elementary Education coursework 2020-current ● TMCC Elementary Education coursework 2020-current ● Northstar Online School, diploma 2019	-Assistant, Lower Elementary grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	● HDMS Lower Elementary Assistant 1,2,3 since 2023	Yes
	MURRAY, Jennifer	Classroom Aide ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #229859 exp 1/2/2029	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	● UNR, BS Human Development & Family Science, 2004	-Assistant, Primary Montessori Program 185-day Contract	● HDMS Primary Assistant since 2019 ● UNR Child & Family Research Center, teacher, 2006-2011 ● Royal Caribbean Kids Activity Leader, 2002-2005 ● City of Sparks, Small Wonders Preschool, before & after care, 1995-2002	Yes
	SAIFI LUDWIG, Mariam	Classroom Aide ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #237501 exp 7/19/2030	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	● Master's Degree in Telecommunications Engineering ● Bachelor's Degree in Telecommunications Engineering	-Assistant, Lower Elementary grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	● HDMS Lower EI Assistant 1,2,3 since 2025	Yes
	SMITH, Tress	Classroom Aide ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. # 218351 exp 4/16/2027	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	● Northwest Missouri State University, Various Coursework	-Assistant, Upper Elementary grades 4, 5, and 6 185-day Contract	● HDMS Lower EI Assistant 1,2,3 since 2019	Yes
	SNOW, Lauren	Classroom Aide ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #229018 exp 8/12/2028	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	● TMCC, AS Degree, 2019	-Assistant, Upper Elementary grades 4,5, and 6 185-day Contract	● HDMS Elem Assistant 4,5,6 since 2023	Yes
	SNOW, Paige	Classroom Aide ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. # 217787 exp 8/12/2026	INSTRUCTIONAL	● TMCC, AS Degree, 2019	-Teacher, Lower Elementary grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	● HDMS Teacher, Lower EI 1,2,3 since 2021	Yes
	WILLIAMS, Samantha	Front Desk Receptionist ● NV PK-12 Sub Lic. #229898 exp 3/12/2029	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	● Chadron State College, BA Interdisciplinary Arts, 2014	-Front Desk Receptionist 185-day Contract	● HDMS Primary Assistant since 2022 ● Kanga Conference Center, Program Director, 2016-2019 ● Child Support Services, Receptionist, 2015-2016	Yes

CLASSIFIED STAFF							
	ALMANZA RIVERA, Briana	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	TMCC, Reno, NV, various coursework, ongoing	-After School Assistant, PK-K 180-day Contract	After-school programming assistant since 2024	
	BLANCK, Noah	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	GED	-Assistant, Lower Elementary grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	- HDMS Elementary Assistant since 2025 - Elementary Assistant, Mater Academy, 2017-2025	
	CHEVEZ, Wendy	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Sparks High School	-Assistant, Lower Elementary grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	- HDMS Elementary Assistant since 2024 - ABC Halo Daycare Assistant Teacher 2022-2024 - Itsy Bitsy Learning Center Infant Teacher 2017-2020	
	DANLEY, Ella	Aftercare Enrichment Staff	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	- TMCC student, current - Alpine Academy Charter High School student, current	-After School Assistant, PK-K 108-day Contract	After-school programming assistant since 2026	
	FUENTES, Ana	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	McTeer High School, 1975	-Assistant, Primary Montessori Program 185-day Contract	- HDMS Primary Assistant since 2021 - Coral Academy Aftercare Assistant 2010-2011	Yes
	HART, Landon	Aftercare Enrichment Staff	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	- TMCC student, current - Alpine Academy Charter High School student, current	-Aftercare Assistant, grades K-8 180-day Contract	After-school programming assistant since 2026	
	HART, Stacey	Enrollment Registrar	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	- Notre Dame de Namur University, BA, 2005 - Santa Rosa Junior College, General Ed. Credits	-Enrollment Registrar 185-day Contract	- HDMS Enrollment Registrar since 2023 - HDMS Front Desk Receptionist, 2020-2023 - HDMS Assistant, 2017-2023 8 Dimensions Health Center, Office Manager, 2007-2010 - Advocates for Inclusion, Case Manager, 2006-2007 - Nina Belles Preschool, Assistant Director, 2006	Yes
	HERNANDES, Maria Isabel	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Centro Escolar Juana de Asbaje, BA, Education, 2002	-Assistant, Upper Elementary grades 4, 5, and 6 185-day Contract	- HDMS Upper Elementary Assistant 4,5,6 2021 - Lead Teacher, Itsy Bitsy Learning Center, 2017-2021 - Interpreter, Washoe County School District, 2013-2019	
	JORDAN, Sherrie	Business Manager	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Santa Barbara City College, BA in Business, 1991	-Human Resources & Accounts Receivable 215-day Contract	- HDMS HR/AR since 2017 - HDMS Administrative Support 2015-2017 - Sprint Corporation, Account Executive 2003-2014 - Wireless Solutions Group, Account Executive, 2003	Yes
	KELLER, Samantha	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	GED Spanish Springs HS, 2006	-Assistant, Upper Elementary grades 4, 5, and 6 185-day Contract	- HDMS Upper Elementary Assistant 4,5,6 since 2018 - Little Hands Learning Center, 2-year-old teacher, 2017	

	KINCAID, Christopher	Classroom Aide/ Elective Instructor	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Ely High School, Diploma, 2017	-Assistant, Adolescent grades 7 and 8	HDMS Adolescent Assistant, grades 7 & 8, and Creative Expression Instructor since 2026	
	LOEWEN, Destily	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Sparks High School, Diploma, 2024	-Assistant, Lower Elementary grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	- HDMS Lower Elementary Assistant 1,2,3 since 2025 - Receptionist, Boys & Girls Club 2023-2025	
	LUDWIG, Jesse	Custodian	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Port Townsend High School, Diploma 2000	- Full-Time Custodian 215-day Contract	HDMS Custodian since 2026	
	MCCOY, Evan	Aftercare Enrichment Staff	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Alpine Academy Charter High School student, current	-Aftercare Assistant, grades K-8 180-day Contract	After-school programming assistant since 2026	
	MURILLO RODRIGUEZ, Janeth	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Sparks High School, Diploma, 2023	-Assistant, Lower Elementary grades 1, 2, and 3 185-day Contract	HDMS Lower Elementary Assistant 1,2,3 since 2026	
	OVARD, Maxwell	Aftercare Enrichment Staff	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Alpine Academy Charter High School student, current	-Aftercare Assistant, grades K-8 180-day Contract	After-school programming assistant since 2026	
	RIVAS, Sonia	School Lunch Facilitator	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL		-School Lunch Facilitator 180-day Contract	- HDMS School Lunch Facilitator since 2024 - Farm Fresh School Lunch Worker 2020-2024	
	SALDANA, Heaztsynn	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	Hug HS, Diploma	-Assistant, Primary Montessori Program 180-day Contract	- HDMS Primary Assistant since 2025 - Boys & Girls Club 2024-2025	Yes
	SNOW, Carlie	Aftercare Enrichment Staff	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	- TMCC Various Coursework 2023-current - Round Mountain HS, Advanced Diploma 2023	-Aftercare Assistant, grades K-8 180-day Contract	After-school programming assistant since 2024	
	SNOW, Sheila	Administrative Assistant	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	- Los Angeles Valley College Early Childhood Education 1992 - James Monroe High School, diploma 1987	-Operations Coordinator -Lunch Coordinator 195-day Contract	- HDMS Lunch Program since 2024 - HDMS Front Desk Receptionist since 2023 - Telecommunications Technical Consultant, 2006-2022	Yes
	WOOLSTENHULME, Kalli	Aftercare Enrichment Staff	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	- TMCC student, current - Alpine Academy Charter High School student, current	-After School Assistant, PK-K 72-day Contract	After-school programming assistant since 2026	

	WOOLSTENHULME, Laurel	Communications Coordinator	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	• Southern Utah University, BA Secondary Ed/German, 1999	-Communications Coordinator 200-day Contract	• HDMS Communications Coordinator since 2017 • HDMS Elementary Assistant 2015-2017 • Novell Corporation, Administrative Assistant 1999-2000 • Legal Secretary 1997-1999	Yes
	WU, Jocelin	Classroom Aide	NON-INSTRUCTIO NAL	• TMCC Various Coursework • Reno HS, Diploma 1991	-Assistant, Primary Montessori Program 200-day Contract	• HDMS Primary Assistant since 2022 • Walmart Team Lead 2019-2022 • WCSD Pre-K Aide 2010-2019	Yes

	HIGH DESERT MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL NAC 386.400(2)(g) 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS:						
	INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS: INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING NON-INSTRUCTION-RELATED SERVICES and ALL BUSINESSES REGARDLESS OF SERVICES						FP
	Ana Fast Cleaning	3815 Patricia Ln Reno, NV 89512	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	Janitorial Services	Custodial Services	Custodial Services	Yes
	Freier, Sharon	1701 California Ave Reno, NV 89509	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	Visiting Nurse	- School nurse - Evaluation and Assessments: IEPs - Vision and hearing screenings	- School nurse - Evaluation and Assessments: IEPs - Vision and hearing screenings	Via State License
	Ghiglieri, Jim	2347 Geneva Ct Sparks, NV 89434	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	Information Technology Services	Technology Support	Technology Support	Yes
	Northern Nevada Bookkeeping, LLC	PO Box 70971 Reno NV 89570	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	Bookkeeper	Financial reporting	Financial reporting	Yes
	Chloe Hayes	3720 El Cerro View Reno NV 89509	INSTRUCTIONAL	psychologist	psychologist	psychologist	Yes
	Clean Cut Lawns Inc	1140 Keele Dr Reno, NV 89509	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL	Landscaping	- Landscaping - Snow Removal	- Landscaping - Snow Removal	Yes
	Mackessy, Jung	2043 Westfield Ave Reno NV 89509	INSTRUCTIONAL	Occupational Therapy Services	Occupational Therapy Services	Occupational Therapy Services	Via State License

High Desert Montessori School NSPF Star Rating Summary Sept. 2026

High Desert Montessori School is committed to student success, with recent data showing significant progress, particularly at the elementary school level, while also highlighting clear areas for focused improvement.



Our Trajectory:
Positive Momentum
and Targeted
Opportunities for
Growth

NSPF STAR RATINGS

SCHOOL LEVEL	2025 Overall Star Rating	2026 Overall Star Rating	Index Score
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	★	★★	48 points
MIDDLE SCHOOL	★★★	★★	48.3 points

Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Designation

- Applies To: FRL Students in the Elementary School.
- Reason: The designation is specifically tied to the academic performance of the Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) student population based on the 2025 NSPF results.
- Action: This requires the development and implementation of a targeted plan to address the identified areas of improvement for both the elementary student body and the FRL subgroup.

Key takeaways:

- Both our Elementary Program and our Middle School Program are within reach of the next star-rating level.:
 - Elementary Growth: The Elementary School made a remarkable leap from a 1-Star to a 2-Star Rating, coming in only 2 points below the minimum score to receive a 3-Star Rating.
 - The Middle School is just 1.7 points away from returning to a 3-Star Rating.
- Attendance Improved Dramatically- Reducing chronic absenteeism was a major focus during 2025–2026, and preliminary calculations show substantial improvement:
 - Elementary Chronic Absenteeism dropped from 23.4% to 5.38%.
 - Middle School Chronic Absenteeism dropped from 34.2% to 12.33%.
- Elementary School Gains:
 - Grade 3 Reading SBAC performance increased from 1 to 3.
 - Doubled pooled SBAC proficiency from 8 to 15.
 - Made significant progress in narrowing both math and ELA opportunity gaps.
- Middle School Gains:
 - Middle school demonstrated substantial gains in its index score and
 - Academic performance gains in several areas.



Opportunities:

- Increase Student Growth:
 - +3% AGP goal in Math and ELA for all students and subgroups.
- Strengthen Math & Writing:
 - Improve application of math concepts, especially word problems.
 - Build stronger writing skills and the writing process.
- Strengthen Science Achievement:
 - Increase elementary science performance and alignment with state standards.
- Increase Curriculum Consistency:
 - Strengthen vertical alignment and academic expectations across Montessori levels.
- Sustain Attendance & Family Engagement:
 - Maintain progress in reducing chronic absenteeism.
 - Provide families with clearer academic expectations and resources.

