



**HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP DECLARATION**

between

Jemicy School

and

Howard County Public School System

Vision

The vision of the partnership between Jemicy School and Howard County Public School System is that all students have the opportunity to learn in a nurturing environment that addresses each student's intellectual strengths and learning needs.

Mission

The mission of the partnership between Jemicy School and Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) is to increase staff understanding of the Science of Reading and Dyslexia, as well as the appropriate strategies so that all students develop academic skills and a love of learning.

Objectives

Jemicy School will

- Collaborate with the HCPSS Curriculum Office of Language Arts to provide
 - Professional learning and training for HCPSS staff focused on understanding basic dyslexia, including but not limited to
 - Understanding the Science of Reading.
 - Identifying what dyslexia looks like in the classroom;
 - Addressing common myths about dyslexia; and
 - Identifying strategies for teaching students with language and learning differences.
- Serve as a consultative resource for HCPSS staff regarding teaching students exhibiting reading difficulties and dyslexia; answering questions, reviewing materials, etc.

Howard County Public School System will

- Inform Jemicy School about opportunities to participate in HCPSS system-wide professional learning as well as small group training sessions.
- Issue a press release announcing the signing of a partnership between Jemicy School and Howard County Public School System.
- Invite Jemicy School representatives to the Howard County Public School System partnership events.
- Recognize the partnership with Jemicy School in the *Howard County Public School System Educational Partnerships Annual Report*.
- Ensure that the partnership follows all Howard County Board of Education policies and procedures.

Performance Measures

The partnership objectives above are aligned with the HCPSS [Strategic Call to Action: Learning and Leading with Equity](#) and will be evaluated using the following performance measures mutually agreed upon by Jemicy School and Howard County Public School System:

- Meet at least yearly to evaluate the partnership against measurable evaluation criteria and revise the agreement as warranted.
- Track each year the number of professional learning and/or training sessions provided by Jemicy for HCPSS staff.

This partnership agreement emphasizes the following *Strategic Call to Action* outcomes:

- Each and every student receives a high-quality education through individualized instruction, challenges, supports and opportunities.
- All staff have equitable access to additional opportunities through professional learning and leadership development.

HCPSS welcomes the opportunity to partner with many types of businesses and organizations. A partnership, however, does not constitute promotion or endorsement by HCPSS for any partner's causes, ideas, websites, products, or services.

The Howard County Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or disability in matters affecting employment or in providing access to programs.

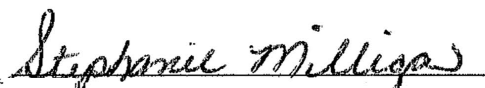
We, the following, do fully agree to the above stated partnership agreement between Jemicy School and Howard County Public School System on this the 11th day of December in the year 2020. The agreement shall remain in effect until such time that either party provides 10 days notice of its intent to terminate the partnership.



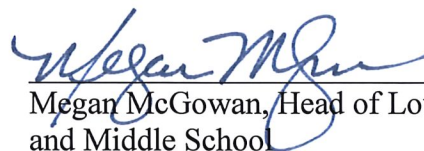
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