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This year began with a commitment to identify the needs of our students in order to support student growth after the abrupt end to the 2020 school year. We began with approximately 35% of our students in school and grew to 81% of our students returning to in-person learning. While this school year continued to be different, we continued to provide a safe and engaging learning environment. Teachers taught both in-person and remote learners simultaneously for the first 2 quarters of the year. This was an enormous effort on the part of our amazing educators. During the second part of the year, more students returned to in-person learning allowing teachers to focus on greater student growth. This year's theme was "Young Minds Bloom Here". As District 9's first Montessori School we are truly thankful to our families, staff and community for their work in the creation of our five outdoor classrooms. Our scholars enjoyed being able to eat, learn and take a fresh air break beyond the walls of our classrooms.



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2020-2021

Annual Report to the Parents

Edith L. Frierson

Montessori School
For District 9

Primary Montessori: 3, 4, 5 year olds
Lower El 1st-3rd grade

Non-Montessori Classes: Grades 4th and 5th

Coming in the 2021-2022 School Year

SIX MONTESSORI CLASSROOMS:

3—Primary Classrooms

3—Lower El



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Our Mission

The **mission** of E. L. Frierson School is to develop confident life-long learners who are competent, responsible, and self-motivated by providing a safe environment where parents and teachers support children as they explore an integrated, culturally diverse, and innovative curriculum that fosters critical thinking and creativity.



Frierson Elementary is one of CCSD's rural schools. Frierson has approximately 150 students of mixed demographics, and a poverty level of 72.9%. We are proud to be District 9's only Montessori School. The 2021-22 school year will be our fifth year transitioning into CCSD's next Montessori School, with an anticipated attendance of 185 students. Currently, we have 3 Primary Montessori Classrooms and 2 Lower Elementary Classrooms. Next year we will have 3 Lower Elementary Classrooms and 3 Primary Classrooms. Teachers in the 6 Montessori classrooms as well as the Traditional instructors will benefit from continuous training in the Montessori Methodology. This training will be supported through funding from our Title 1 resources in addition to the commitment of our school district. Each year we will phase out one grade level as we grow. During the 21-22 school year grades 4th and 5th will be our only remaining traditional grades. Next year 3 year olds will end their day at 12:15. Families needing a full day program will have the option of applying to the Kaleidoscope program and pay on a sliding fee scale so their child can attend until the end of the day. Thank you for being a part of this great work.

