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Abstract: The Montessori School of Englewood (MSE) Charter is an inner-city, Chicago school based on the "Montessori Made Public" philosophy. MSE expects to enroll students, 98% who qualify for free and reduced lunch and 20% who are special needs. MSE will bring an educational opportunity to a neighborhood that suffers from chronic school failure. To implement this philosophy, MSE will: Create a challenging interdisciplinary curriculum that weaves together the *Governors' Core Standards* with the *Montessori Scope and Sequence*; provide appropriate learning materials specifically developed for the Montessori classroom; empower the student to direct his/her own learning within the structure of the curriculum and with close guidance of two highly qualified teachers; facilitate inquiry, exploration, critical thinking, and creative problem solving; understand and capitalize on individual learning styles; educate by integrating the development of self-reliance, independence, and respectfulness with academic work. MSE will be a full inclusion model. An RTI team will address the needs of all students at risk for poor learning outcomes, monitor student progress, provide evidence-based interventions, and adjust the intensity and nature of those interventions.

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