



MONTROSE
CLASSICAL ACADEMY

LETTER WRITING HELPS

One factor which may influence the Montrose County Board of Education to render a positive decision regarding our application for this tuition-free, classical public charter school is the degree of community support they observe. People with children who might attend this school, as well as those without children, may write or email the seven current MCSD school Board Members to express their desire for this educational option in our town. Below is the contact information for each Board Member.

Email addresses for the MCSD School Board Members:

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Thank you for supporting us in this manner!

Helpful Hints For Letters of Support

Some relevant topics that have an impact on charter school discussions are as follows:

MCA will offer a more traditional school setting; content-rich, directed curriculum; limiting technical devices (cell phones, iPads, etc.) in classrooms; desire for better discipline and fewer distractions in classrooms; seeking a 'core knowledge' approach to teaching; providing a foundation of virtue and self-reliance; etc. Personal experiences or reliable anecdotal information can also be very useful in letters. There are some people who also feel a classical charter public school might be an added incentive for families considering a move to the Montrose area.

Some ideas for content:

By offering a traditional, liberal arts curriculum, Montrose Classical Academy will provide students with the basic classical academic knowledge as well as a deep appreciation and understanding of the American culture and heritage. Families are interested in this school choice for a variety of reasons, including the fact that not all children learn in the same way. Different approaches can better serve different children. Having a variety of educational options is essential for our students and their families. This is an additional opportunity to provide a solid foundation for our future successful, self-reliant citizens. The curriculum Montrose Classical Academy will offer provides students with strong reading (phonics) and writing skills, mathematics, classical and other great literature, American and world history, cursive writing, Latin, and technology. This school will seek to minimize distractions in a variety of ways, including requiring uniforms and not allowing electronic devices in grammar school classrooms. Personal experiences or reliable anecdotal information can also be very useful. Some people in Montrose have expressed the feeling that having this type of educational opportunity might be a positive factor when families are evaluating a move to this area.

If you have a desire to show some level of support for MCA, please know your time and effort will make a difference and be greatly appreciated. For more information about Montrose Classical Academy, please visit our website www.montroseclassical.org or view our Facebook page. Both of these resources will provide you with additional facts and data that may be helpful in composing your letter to the Board of Education.

Our sincere thanks for your time and support!

MCA FOUNDING BOARD:

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