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Hello! Hello! Hello!

The Missouri School for the Deaf has provided a K-12 education for Missouri's children who are deaf/hard of hearing and their families and the schools districts in their hometowns since 1851 and it is my honor to serve as MSD's thirteenth and first female Superintendent.



Parents, we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to teach your precious children and we take that responsibility very seriously. MSD's curriculum follows the "Show Me" standards utilized by school districts throughout the state of Missouri. In addition to the 24 units required for all students in Missouri to earn their diploma, MSD adds Deaf History and Culture to the list of required coursework. MSD's Career and Technology Center provides the skills necessary for employment and opportunities to gain work experience.

Our residential program is equal in importance with our educational program because so very much of your child's learning, sense of independence, and self-worth takes place outside the classroom. At MSD, we educate the whole child by adding **SPICE** (**S**ocial, **P**ersonal, **I**ntellectual, **C**ultural and **E**motional support) to the Deaf/HH child's development. Working together with families and hometown school districts, we can assure that your child is afforded the best educational opportunities in a safe, nurturing environment.

To those of you seeking information and other assistance, check out MSD's Resource Center on Deafness (RCD). With our expert staff and Outreach Services, we provide assistance to individuals, schools, organizations and businesses within our state and nationally. The Resource Center's web page is available to you through our website or email rcd@msd.dese.mo.gov with your questions and requests for assistance. We strive to be Missouri's source of information on best practices in the education of the deaf/hard of hearing.

Warmest Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barbara Garrison'.

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