

### **C. CSRC School Scorecard**

Downtown Montessori scored 75.2% of the pilot scorecard points compared with 84.2% on the 2015–16 pilot scorecard. This met the CSRC expectation that schools scoring above 70.0% on the 2015–16 pilot scorecard maintain at least 70.0% in the current year.

### **III. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

Downtown Montessori addressed the recommendations from its 2015–16 programmatic profile and educational performance report. Based on results in this report and in consultation with school staff, CRC recommends the school continue a focused improvement plan by implementing the following activities during the 2017–18 school year.

- Continue efforts to meet the academic needs of individual children while balancing Montessori skill development with Common Core curriculum skills.
- Continue working with Dr. Sue Terry from Cardinal Stritch University to develop and implement a writing program at all levels, which balances the Montessori approach with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Common Core State Standards.

### **IV. RECOMMENDATION FOR ONGOING MONITORING AND REPORTING**

Based on past and current contract compliance and the school’s continuing pilot scorecard results, CRC recommends Downtown Montessori continue regular, annual academic monitoring and reporting. In addition, CRC recommends that Downtown Montessori be granted a new five-year contract to operate as a City of Milwaukee charter school.

## **H. DPI Report Card**

At the time of the report, DPI had not produced report cards for any schools for the 2016–17 school year.

## **IV. SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This report covers the 19th year of Downtown Montessori’s operation as a City of Milwaukee charter school. Downtown Montessori met all of the educational provisions in its contract with the City of Milwaukee and subsequent CSRC requirements.

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