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Regarding: **DRI#751 Vineyard Montessori School Expansion Letter of Support**

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Dear Martha's Vineyard Commission,

We are writing this letter of support for the expansion project at the Vineyard Montessori School (VMS).

As working parents who are proud to send our 4-year-old daughter to the Vineyard Montessori School Primary Program, and who rely on this high quality childcare to thrive in our careers, we are writing this letter to express our strong support for the VMS expansion project.

The need for quality childcare services on Martha's Vineyard is essential for parents like us who juggle work responsibilities while ensuring their children receive the best education available. The proposed VMS expansion will provide additional space for classrooms and facilities for VMS, while also increasing access to the overall existing childcare and educational services for all island families. This would benefit working parents by providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children while allowing them to meet their professional commitments.

The need for early childhood education and childcare on Martha's Vineyard is overwhelming and waitlists are unreasonably long. The Vineyard Montessori School is committed to helping our community prosper by increasing the number of children they are able to serve. The additional space this new building would provide is essential in caring for our community's most vulnerable and important residents - island children and their families.

Thank you for considering this important information and lending your support to the Vineyard Montessori School expansion project.

Sincerely,

Alicia and Trevian Mathis