

Martha's Vineyard Commission

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Subject: Letter of Support for Vineyard Montessori School Expansion

Dear Martha's Vineyard Commission,

I am writing this letter to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed expansion of the Vineyard Montessori School. As a VMS parent and a small business owner on the island, I believe that the school's growth aligns with the educational and childcare needs of our community and will contribute positively to the island as a whole.

VMS has a long-standing reputation for providing high-quality education that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and a strong sense of community.

The proposed expansion plan outlines the need for additional classroom space, enhanced facilities, and improved resources to accommodate the growing number of students. As someone who spent time sitting on the multiple preschool waitlists I can attest to how hard it can be for families. As a business owner I know first hand how the lack of quality childcare pulls talent (predominantly women) from the workforce. Allowing VMS to expand will allow more families, like mine, to have a reliable high quality educational option for their children, which in turn allows for parents, like me, to keep working full time. This expansion will not only enhance the educational experience for our children but also contribute positively to the social and cultural fabric of the island.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. I look forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of the Vineyard Montessori School.

Sincerely,

Julia Tarka