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To: Adam Turner

Subject: supporting montessori

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter of support for the expansion project for the Vineyard Montessori School.

As a working parent who relies on childcare for my young child, I am writing this letter to express my wholehearted support for the school expansion project. The need for quality childcare services on Martha's Vineyard is paramount for parents like me who juggle work responsibilities while ensuring our children receive the best education possible. The proposed expansion would not only provide additional space for classrooms and facilities but also offer an opportunity to enhance the existing childcare and educational services. This would benefit working parents by providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children while we focus on our professional commitments.

Knowing the difficulty of finding childcare and preschool, I began reaching out to childcare providers in early stages of my pregnancy. That is now what expectant parents should be concerning themselves with before their newborn arrives but that is the reality of living on Martha's Vineyard.

The need for early childhood care on Martha's Vineyard is overwhelming and waitlists are years long. The Vineyard Montessori School is committed to helping the community prosper. The additional space this new building would provide is imperative to keeping essential workers on the island.

Sincerely,

Lana Schaefer

Working mom on MV and former VMS parent