

From: Lisa Cintron
Subject: Montessori School Expansion
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To: Rich Saltzberg
Cc: Ezra Borut

Dear Mr. Saltzberg:

We own the house at 30 Tashmoo Avenue, which is diagonally across from the Vineyard Montessori School. We will be directly affected by the proposed expansion and are extremely concerned about an increase in noise and traffic, as well as parking and safety issues.

As a two-way street, Tashmoo Avenue is already a busier street than others in this area. We have been concerned about the traffic on our street before this proposed expansion. Many drivers of cars, vans, and trucks use our street as a cut through from Main Street to Franklin Avenue and vice versa. Having more students at the School will require more cars at drop off and pickup at the School. We already have a line of cars on our street and in front of our house at those times. We have had a problem with parents using our driveway to make a u-turn after drop off and pickup at the School. In fact, we ended up spending a lot of money to put a fence across our front yard and driveway to prevent this from happening. We were worried about the safety of our two dogs who are often in our front yard and driveway (even though behind the line of our Invisible Fence). Indeed, we think there should be a school zone established on our street that requires vehicles to drive 20 mph to keep the current students safe, and especially since the School yard for very young children is so close to the street.

Parking is already a problem on our street. We have had cars parked in front of our house that block our gate and our driveway. It is an access problem for us if our front gate cannot be opened to enter and leave, and also for deliveries. It is a safety issue for us if, because of a car parked in front of our house, we cannot see cars coming from Franklin Avenue before backing out of our driveway. Having more students at the School and teachers living at the School will aggravate the parking issue on the street and will create

more noise too.

We ask that you please think about these concerns when deliberating about the proposal to expand the Vineyard Montessori School. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cintron
Ezra Borut