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Hello! I'm writing to express my support for the Montessori's hoped-for expansion in Vineyard Haven. I cannot make it to Thursday's meeting, but I am the parent of a student at the school, and have been for several years. Not only is the school providing absolutely top-notch education and summer programming (an essential for working parents), but they're also bringing incredibly talented educators to the Island. It pains me to read the emails that go around asking for leads on teacher housing, often unanswered. This expansion would not only open up more spots for kids to benefit from this school's wonderful offerings, but also, in the longer term, enable them to create living space for teachers. In an island with a housing crisis like ours, creating dedicated housing for the professionals who make our island a livable place is essential. For those reasons, I am writing, as a Vineyard Haven resident, to express my firm support for this project.

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