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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 children, 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.

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,

Sonya & Lewis Colby

With two toddlers attending VMS for 3 years each, before Kindergarten begins, so we can continue to work, both being self-employed. We depend on VMS education & childcare during these young and precious years, so we can cover the cost of living on Martha's Vineyard. This will help with quality of life for our young family in the Town of Tisbury.

Thank you!

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