

To: Martha's Vineyard Commission Adam Turner, Executive Director saltzberg@mvcommission.org

From: Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce Carolina Cooney, Executive Director carolina@mvy.com

Regarding: DRI#751 Vineyard Montessori School Expansion

Letter of Support

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce in support of the expansion project for the Vineyard Montessori School.

Offering quality childcare services on Martha's Vineyard is of utmost importance to working families and business owners and the expansion would provide additional space for classrooms and facilities as well as an opportunity to enhance the existing childcare and educational services on the Island. This would benefit working families and businesses greatly, enabling professionals to remain in or return to the workforce by providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

The need for early childhood care on Martha's Vineyard is overwhelming and waitlists are years long. Vineyard Montessori School's expansion meets this critical deficit by creating additional space for children island-wide, which is essential to keeping workers and families employed.

Sincerely,

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