

To: Martha's Vineyard Commission
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From: Janna O'Loughlin- O'Shaughnessy

Regarding: DRI#751 Vineyard Montessori School Expansion
Letter of Support

To Whom it May Concern,

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

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.

(I registered my children at Montessori from the MV Hospital bed just hours after being born). The Vineyard Montessori School is committed to helping the community benefit and prosper. The additional space this new building would provide is imperative to keeping essential workers, families, on the island.

My three sons attended this amazing school. They are now 27, 26 and 24 years old. The professional methods have served them well. This school made it possible for my husband and I to work full-time knowing our children had the best care and learning environment possible. There is more demand now, 25 years later, especially after COVID and the influx of additional residents. This expansion is very important for our community, families, and wonderful children who will eventually lead our community.

I find it interesting that some abutters are objecting to this expansion as I see in the Registry of Deeds it seems they have multiple properties and have received special permits from the Town and have had their approved opportunity to improve.

Sincerely,

Janna O'Loughlin

Thank you.