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From: Stacy Simmons

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.

Our family feels extremely fortunate to have a wonderful place for our daughter to spend her day, where she is well cared for, joyful, engaged, and learning new things all the time. Vineyard Montessori School is providing a wonderful first school experience for her.

In addition, we also depend on VMS for childcare. I am a teacher at the West Tisbury School, and my husband is a physician at the hospital. We are so thankful to have our child enrolled at Vineyard Montessori so that we can each continue in our careers. We know many families with young children on the island who have had to put their careers on hold, or change their plans, simply because of the lack of childcare.

The proposed expansion would provide additional space for classrooms and facilities, helping with the great need for childcare and educational services, particularly for young children. As a teacher, I know the importance of early childhood education, and as a working parent I know how valuable it is to have a school that I can trust with my child so that I can work.

The Vineyard Montessori School is committed to helping our community, and the expansion project will benefit many children, families, and our entire community for years to come. The additional space that the new building would provide is vital to many in our island community.

Sincerely, Stacy Simmons