

To: Martha's Vineyard Commission
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From: Katelyn Carvalho
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Regarding: DRI#751 Vineyard Montessori School Expansion

Members of the Martha's Vineyard Commission,

My name is Katelyn Carvalho, I am the vice chair of Finance for the Vineyard Montessori School. I was hoping to just clarify a few things that were mentioned by one of the abutters to our property. As you all know, we are a non-profit school, meaning, we are a group that is organized for purposes other than generating profit. In our case, educating children. While our finances are not what is being proposed in this expansion plan, nor are they relevant, I feel I need to speak to these accusations.

While our tax returns are public records, the reasons behind the numbers are not. There have been statements made that are based on assumptions that are incorrect and misleading. While not stating any one point that was made, I would like to point out the fact that there are many factors involved in salaries increasing and decreasing as well as income increasing and decreasing. A few of those would be, not having summer camp vs having a summer camp, receiving a grant vs not receiving a grant, hiring more teachers and staff, increased expenditures, inflation, covid costs, etc..

All this to say, you can look at our tax returns and make some assumptions based on those numbers, but that's all that it will be, assumptions. I would hope that the commission does not consider the statements from the general public regarding our finance's fact. That if they did have any questions regarding our finances, they would direct those to us.

Sincerely,

Katelyn Carvalho