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To: Martha's Vineyard Commission

Attn: Adam Turner, Executive Director

Regarding: DRI#751 Vineyard Montessori School Expansion

January 26, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

As a former student of Vineyard Montessori School, as a former parent of students and as a neighbor of the School, I am writing this letter to express my full support of the expansion project at the Vineyard Montessori School.

While the teachings of Maria Montessori may be timeless, we all know that buildings and societal norms are not. We know that the Island, and the world, has changed drastically since I first walked through the doors of VMS over 30 years ago. Most families I know who live here year-round have two working parents to afford Island Life. Parents of young children need childcare so that they can return to their jobs. For many, it's not an option to live on Martha's Vineyard and ask one parent to stay home with children; both women and men, mothers and fathers, need the option of a safe environment for their children so that both parents can return to Vineyard workforce. The proposed expansion would provide much needed additional spaces for Vineyard children in the classrooms and help Vineyard workers, of all stripes, return to work.

The Vineyard Montessori School has my full support in their expansion plans, and I hope that the Martha's Vineyard Commission will see how needed this expansion is for the continued health of our Island community.

Sincerely,

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