

Keri O'Brien

From: Diane Onderdonk <dmonderdonk@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 11:19 AM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support of Montessori School expansion

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Dear Board Members:

I am writing to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital educational option in our community.

At Montessori, we pride ourselves on offering a distinctive learning environment that is unique to our area. Our innovative approach to education has empowered many of our students to achieve remarkable success. However, our current facilities limit our ability to extend these opportunities to more students who would benefit from them.

The planned expansion will allow us to accommodate more students, providing greater access to the high-quality, personalized education that makes Montessori so special. With your support, we can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that matches their ambition and potential.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Diane Onderdonk

513 Fleming St. Suite #1
Key West, FL 33040
305.292.0025

Keri O'Brien

From: Ashley Kamen <ashleykamen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 12:02 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the proposed expansion of Montessori Children's School

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Dear Board Members:

I am writing to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital and cherished educational option in our community. In our family, this is the second generation of conchs to attend the Montessori Children's School and we are delighted that they are able to offer this curriculum to the students as they grow past the lower elementary years.

Our two daughters have thrived at this unique and special school. Their current facilities limit their ability to extend these opportunities to more students who would benefit from them.

The planned expansion will allow the school to accommodate more students, providing greater access to the high-quality, personalized education that makes Montessori so special. With your support, we can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that matches their ambition and potential.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ashley Kamen

716 Love Ln

Key West FL

June 17, 2025

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital educational option in our community.

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Maria Castillo

Maria Castillo

305.394.0369

lilly.castillo87@gmail.com

Keri O'Brien

From: Keturah Wilson <keturah16@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 6:26 AM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please consider our school proposal

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Dear Esteemed Board Members,

As a passionate advocate for the transformative power of education, I feel compelled to reach out to you and humbly request your unwavering support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - an indispensable educational gem within our vibrant community.

At Montessori, we not only provide a distinctive learning environment but also cultivate a sense of belonging and purpose that is truly unparalleled. Witnessing the incredible growth and achievements of our students, fueled by our innovative educational approach, fills my heart with immense pride and joy. Yet, the limitations imposed by our current facilities impede our ability to extend this life-changing experience to more eager young minds yearning for such enrichment.

The envisioned expansion holds the promise of opening our doors wider, welcoming more students into our nurturing embrace and offering them the high-quality, personalized education that lies at the heart of Montessori's ethos. With your invaluable support, we can continue to mold and inspire the future leaders of our community in a space that reflects their boundless potential and aspirations.

I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for taking the time to consider this heartfelt plea. Your support, in whatever form it may come, will not only impact the present but also resonate through the halls of our school, shaping the lives of generations to come.

With heartfelt appreciation and warm regards,

Keturah Wilson
Passionate parent

Keri O'Brien

From: Inti Gracia <innergwithin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 5:30 AM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support expanding MCS

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Inti Gracia

Keri O'Brien

From: Soul Uncovery Inc. <souluncovery@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 11:30 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support to expand Montessori Children's School Key West

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
local business in Key West

Keri O'Brien

From: Suzanne Trottier <suzanne.trottier@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:20 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Expansion of The Montessori Children's School

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Dear Board Members:

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Renouf

Keri O'Brien

From: Ashley Simons <ashley@montessoriskeywest.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 4:01 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support: Montessori Children's School Expansion

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Dear Board Members,

I am currently a Lead Toddler Guide at the Montessori Children's School. I am writing in support of our current plans to expand our campus.

I first started at Montessori in 2011. As a Key West native and as a child who went through the education system in Monroe County myself, I was blown away at the unique opportunities Montessori offered children in their educational journey. In fact, many of the students whom I had in my toddler classes in my early years as an assistant, are now attending our elementary and adolescent programs. Watching who these children have become while attending our school has been a gift and truly mind shifting.

I see passionate, self motivated and curious children soaring confidently into their adolescence.

I am also continually blown away at the exposure, knowledge, and first hand experience these children are being given when it comes to our beautiful island.

Our teaching staff has created a curriculum that allows the children to not only visit local artists, city officials and local organizations but to also learn about what they do and work alongside them. They are taking an interest in keeping our oceans clean, our streets litter free, and learning about our indigenous wildlife and plants. Through opportunities at our school they are actively becoming part of the solutions in the preservation and continued growth of our city.

This year, our Upper Elementary Class participated in a wonderful program through NOAA called "Ocean Guardian School" which focused on recycling, water conservation, and clean oceans; all very important to preserving this beautiful place that we call home. Our school has also participated several times with the amazing local program, "Plogging with the Keys", where staff, school families and their children came together to show our students one of the many ways they can be a good community member.

Here at MCS we don't just talk about doing good, we take action! We lead by example and we consider ourselves truly blessed to be part of such a special city and community. I am proud of the staff, families, and children here; as they are not just wonderful kind people they are often the leaders in helping others grow.

I hope the board will vote to allow us to continue our growth and to allow our students future opportunities to learn in an environment that feeds their full potential.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of our request.

All my Best,

Ashley Simons

Staff Member of MCS

Lead Toddler Guide of Mangrove Room.

Keri O'Brien

From: Kristen Onderdonk <kristenonderdonk@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 3:48 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montessori Children's School expansion support

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Dear Board Members:

I am writing as a mother of two students at the Montessori Childrens School to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the School - a vital educational option in our community.

My eight-year-old daughter is moving into third grade next year and my 12 year-old son will be moving up to seventh grade. They have both attended the school since they were 18 months old and we couldn't be happier with their education. Our current campus can no longer accommodate the upper elementary and middle school and it's crucial that we get your approval in order to make this expansion

The planned expansion will allow us to accommodate more students, providing greater access to the high-quality, personalized education that makes Montessori so special. With your support, we can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that matches their ambition and potential.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kristen Onderdonk

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Key West, FL 33040
305.292.0025

Keri O'Brien

From: Travis Doll <tdoll@abmarinacomplex.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 2:48 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of Expanding the Montessori Children's School

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To the Planning Board and whom it may concern,

I am writing to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital educational option in our community.

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Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for considering this request.

Travis Doll
Executive Director
A&B Marina Complex
700 Front St Suite 105
305-294-4902



Keri O'Brien

From: Anna Gironet <anne.gironet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 1:53 PM
To: Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL]

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Keri O'Brien

From: Alex O'Donnell <alexkennedyd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 1:53 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Montessori Children's School Expansion

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alex Kennedy

Keri O'Brien

From: Krystal Thomas <krystal@krystalthomaskeywest.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Montessori Expansion – Investing in Key West Education

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Dear Board Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out to ask for your support on an important initiative, the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School.

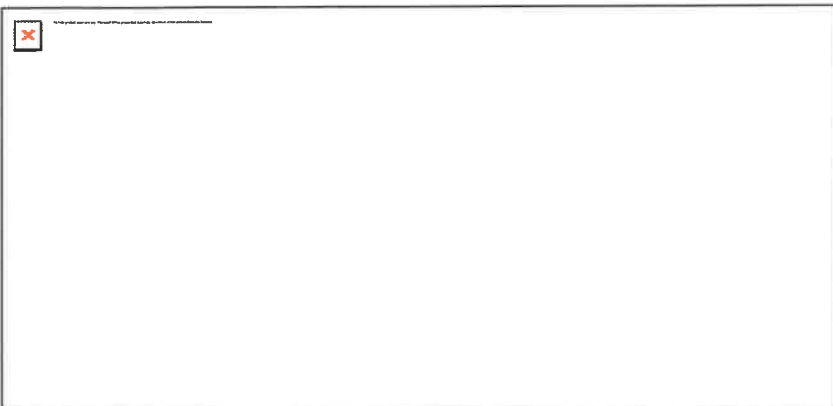
Montessori has long been a cornerstone of innovative education in our community, offering a nurturing and engaging environment where students are empowered to thrive. As an active member in our community I'm proud of the unique approach they bring to the classroom; one that encourages curiosity, independence, and a lifelong love of learning.

That said, their current facilities limit the number of students they are able to serve, even as demand continues to grow. With this expansion, they will have an opportunity to open their doors wider, giving more families access to the kind of individualized, high-quality education that sets Montessori apart.

Your support would make a meaningful difference in helping them grow with intention and continue investing in the next generation of community leaders.

Thank you so much for considering this request and commitment to education in our community.

-Krystal



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Keri O'Brien

From: Jess Forsythe <jess@timetoshinegroup.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2025 11:43 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montessori

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Dear Board Members:

I am writing to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital educational option in our community.

With your support, they can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that matches their ambition and potential.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jess Forsythe
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Keri O'Brien

From: Jenny Salzmänn <jacorc@s@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 12:02 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Expansion at Montessori Children's School Key West

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Dear Board Members:

My name is Jenny, I am fortunate to be able to send my children to the Montessori Children's School of Key West and see them thrive as a result of the seemingly bottomless reserves of energy, compassion, time and education from their wonderful guides and teachers there.

I am writing to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital educational option in our community.

At Montessori, we pride ourselves on offering a distinctive learning environment that is unique to our area. Our innovative approach to education has empowered many of our students to achieve remarkable success. However, our current facilities limit our ability to extend these opportunities to more students who would benefit from them.

The planned expansion will allow us to accommodate more students, providing greater access to the high-quality, personalized education that makes Montessori so special. With your support, we can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that matches their ambition and potential.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

J Salzmänn

Keri O'Brien

From: Amy O <amy@montessoriskeywest.com>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 11:46 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montessori Children's School Expansion

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Dear Board Members:

It is with great joy that I am writing to you today to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital educational option in our community since 1972.

For the past 11 years I have had the pleasure of serving as the Executive Director at this delightful Montessori school. We pride ourselves on offering a distinctive learning environment that is unique to our area. Our innovative approach to education has empowered many of our students to achieve remarkable success. However, our current facilities limit our ability to extend these opportunities to older students in 4th - 9th grade who would benefit from them.

We have been looking for the ideal location that is not too far from our current location, meets our space requirements and is within close proximity to a larger outside area for the older students to access. We believe we have found such a location. The planned expansion will allow us to accommodate more Upper Elementary and Junior High students, providing greater access to the high-quality, personalized education that makes Montessori so special. With your support, we can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that matches their ambition and potential.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

All my best,

Amy O'Connor
Executive Director
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The Children's School
1221 Varela Street
Key West, FL 33040
305.294.5302
montessoriskeywest.com

Keri O'Brien

From: Dawn Anderson <dawn@montessoriskeywest.com>
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 3:56 PM
To: Michael Browning; Keri O'Brien; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
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As the Upper Elementary guide, I can confirm that the planned expansion will allow us to accommodate more students, providing greater access to the high-quality, personalized education that makes Montessori so special. The proposed expansion is necessary to meet the needs of our middle school students as well. With your support, we can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that matches their ambition and potential. Our program is an asset to Key West.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dawn Anderson

The Children's School
1221 Varela Street
Key West, FL 33040
305.294.5302

"As we observe children, we see the vitality of their spirit, the maximum effort put forth in all they do, the intuition, attention and focus they bring to all life's events, and the sheer joy they experience in living." — The Child, Society and the World (Unpublished Speeches and Writing)

Keri O'Brien

From: Michael Francis Gieda <michaelgieda15@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 1:23 PM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montessori Children's School Expansion Support

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Gieda

Keri O'Brien

From: Linda Wheeler <lwheeleraal@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 12:53 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 6.12.25 TO Key West Planning Board (Approval of application for 1023/1025 White Street)

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DATE: June 12, 2025
TO: Key West Planning Board Members
RE: Montessori Children's School Application for 1023/1025 White Street
FROM: Linda Wheeler and Robert Kruse

Dear Chairman Batty and Members of the Planning Board,

I am writing to you to express our full support for The Montessori Children's School application for expansion of their educational facilities to 1023/1025 White Street.

My husband and I have resided at 1213 White Street for over 20 years. The existing campus of the Montessori Children's School, on the corner of United and Varela Streets, is one block from our home. The school has always been an excellent neighbor, and its presence has been a wonderful and grounding feature in our neighborhood.

We celebrate the school's need for additional classroom space to serve the continuing generations of Key West students who pass through its doors. Our neighborhood embraces this beloved institution, and in fact, we were dear friends with some of the original and dedicated moms who first brought the Montessori School to our island (Becky McGuane, Eva Feldman, and Beverly O'Connor).

We foresee no negative impacts whatsoever to our neighborhood by the use of this building for educational purposes. The school's annex will be a positive contribution to our mixed-use neighborhood, which includes a church, Bayview Park, and various small-scale food, retail, and professional offices in close proximity.

Please vote to approve this application, so that we can encourage and participate in the growth of this successful institution focused on learning, families, and the future of our children.

Many thanks for your time and efforts serving our city as planing board members. And if you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call me. (I submit this letter, as we will be out of town on the date of your hearing.)

Best regards, Linda Wheeler and Robert Kruse
1213 White Street
Key West, Florida 33040
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Keri O'Brien

From: John J Curtis <johncurtisiwu@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2025 10:31 AM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] In Support of the Montessori Children's School Expansion

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Dear Board Members,

As both a parent and a board member of the Montessori Children's School, I'm writing to share my strong support for the proposed expansion of our campus.

The Montessori model has had a meaningful impact on my child and so many others. What sets this school apart is its commitment to nurturing curiosity, independence, and compassion. This prepares students not just for academic success, but for thoughtful, engaged lives as citizens of both our local and global communities. It's a mission that resonates deeply here in Key West, where we value individuality alongside a strong sense of connection to our island and the wider world.

The proposed expansion will allow us to welcome more students into this environment - one that fosters lifelong learning, global awareness, and strong character. With your support, we can ensure more children have access to the kind of education that helps them thrive and contribute meaningfully to the future of our island and beyond.

Thank you for considering this request. I'm proud to be part of a school that reflects the best of what Key West stands for, and I hope we'll have your support as we grow.

Thank you,

John Curtis
Board Member & Parent, The Montessori Children's School

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John J Curtis
708.363.0833
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Keri O'Brien

From: squirerose@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 12:03 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PLEA TO PLEASE SUPPORT EXPANSION OF MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

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Dear Honorable Board Members:

I am writing to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital educational option in our community.

At Montessori, we pride ourselves on offering a distinctive learning environment that is unique to our area. Our innovative approach to education has empowered many of our students to achieve remarkable success. However, our current facilities limit our ability to extend these opportunities to more students who would benefit from them.

The planned expansion will allow us to accommodate more students, providing greater access to the high-quality, personalized education that makes Montessori so special. With your support, we can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that matches their ambition and potential.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kindly,

Marci L. Rose

Violin Teacher at Montessori Children's School

810 Thomas Street
Key West, Fl 33040
305 293 1881

Keri O'Brien

From: Katie Pape <katiejopape@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 9:10 AM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School

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Dear Board Members,

I am writing to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School — a vital educational option in our community.

My daughter Cosette is currently in 4th grade at Montessori, and she is truly thriving. The school's unique approach to education has not only nurtured her curiosity but also given her the confidence to grow academically and personally in a way that traditional models often don't allow.

Montessori offers a distinctive learning environment that is unique to our area. However, our current facilities limit our ability to extend these opportunities to more students who would greatly benefit from them.

The planned expansion will allow us to welcome more families into this enriching environment and provide broader access to the high-quality, personalized education that sets Montessori apart. With your support, we can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that reflects their potential.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support means a great deal.

Thanks,
Katie

Katie Pape
cell: 630.728.4876
margotflamingo.com / [instagram](#)



Keri O'Brien

From: Analise Andrews <analise@keywestfoodtours.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 12:50 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Additonal MCS Campus on White St

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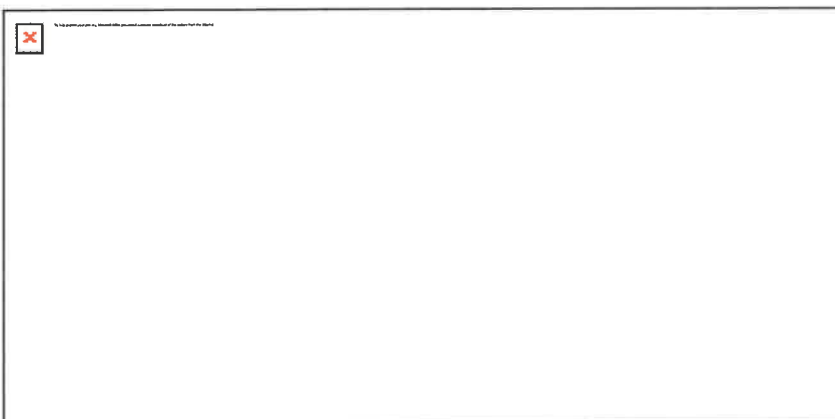
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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Keri O'Brien

From: George Wallace <george@pottsandwallace.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 8:52 AM
To: HOLLIE WILL; Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Montessori Expansion

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Ms. Will I have received your public comment regarding Montessori School as well as others. Please understand neither I nor
Nor the other members of the board will see this matter until the Friday before the meeting most likely so I have no reference at this point for you support letter.
Thank you.



George B. Wallace

Florida Managing Partner,

Potts and Wallace, LLP | P. 786.230.8202

300 Southard St. #206, Key West, Florida



From: HOLLIE WILL <hvalley@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:58 PM
To: George Wallace <george@pottsandwallace.com>
Subject: Montessori Expansion

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital educational option in our community.

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Hollie Will

Sent from my iPhone

Keri O'Brien

From: Ashley Rudisill <ashleyhrudy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 5:09 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MCS Support

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ashley Rudisill

Keri O'Brien

From: Blum, Melissa <mbblum@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 2:21 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Request for Support

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Dear Board Members:

I am writing in preparation of your next meeting on June 18, 2025 to seek your support for the proposed expansion of the Montessori Children's School - a vital educational option in our community.

The planned expansion will allow us to accommodate more students, providing greater access to the high-quality, personalized education that makes Montessori so special. With your support, we can continue shaping the future leaders of our community in a space that matches their ambition and potential.

I am a Board member of the Montessori Children's School and my son has attended and thrived there both academically and socially for six years. The community and services the school provides are an invaluable asset to Key West and beyond.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Melissa Blum

Keri O'Brien

From: sophie hamilton <sophiecgaines@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 1:04 PM
To: Keri O'Brien; Michael Browning; ajwiggins@gmail.com; fvarela@historictours.com; peterebatty@gmail.com; rwarrenusa@gmail.com; waynegarciacontr@bellsouth.net; george@pottsandwallace.com; owen@owentrepanier.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Expansion of The Children's School

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Dear Board Members:

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Our family has personally been a part of The Children's School since 2021. All three of our children are students there now and the educational, mental and emotional growth we have seen in each one of them has been incredible to watch. We hope with your help that our children can continue to be a part of a program that not only helps educate our children, but also make them into extraordinary community members.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sophie Hamilton
Mother of Sutton, Scout and Shipley

Keri O'Brien

From: HOLLIE WILL <hvaller@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 6:01 PM
To: Keri O'Brien
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Montessori expansion

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Thank you for considering this request. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Hollie Will

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