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*Sent via Electronic Mail*

**Re: Montessori Children's School Expansion**

Dear Ms. Hill, Ms. Sellers and Whomever it May Concern at the Planning Department:

My name is Colleen Reed. My husband, Matthew Reed, and I live at 1226 South Street in Key West. I am writing in support of the expansion of Montessori Children's School of Key West to 1217 Varela Street. I have the good fortune of having my son, Jack, and soon my daughter, Reagan, go to Montessori Children's School. I also have the good fortune of living a couple blocks away on South Street.

We originally came to Key West in 2013 because my husband was stationed here with the military. We left after we had our first child and began to consider moving back about a year ago. We were concerned about the schooling options, but once we learned about Montessori Children's School and all that it embodies, our decision became much easier. We love the school, what it stands for, and completely support it's expansion, both as parents and as neighbors.

I witness the traffic first hand every day, and do not have a problem with it. I also do not take any issue with the proposed picket fence continuation along the property line. Montessori fits perfectly into the "vibe" of Key West, and a continued picket fence will not change the wonderful feel of the historical neighborhood.

I do not believe that small expansion of school property will diminish the value of properties in the neighborhood, if anything, it will attract more families like ourselves to move into both the immediate and surrounding area. Thank you for your consideration of this letter and the expansion of this wonderful school.

Sincerely,



Colleen Reed