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Good Afternoon Planning Department Members Ms. Hill and Ms. Sellers!

My name is Cody Bartz. In full disclosure, my wife Ashleigh is a 4th-6th grade teacher at the Montessori Children's School. We are currently living in the home at 1217 Varela St.

I am proudly writing in support of the school to expand to this location. The Children's School is a valuable asset for the neighborhood and for Key West - and for families that come from out of town to send their children to this school. It is a historic, lovely group of buildings, used for the wonderful purpose of educating our youth. One more building and outdoor space will really help them to educate the children to the best of their abilities.

As I currently live right next to the school, I see living by the school as a very positive experience. Everyday I witness the happy faces and energetic bodies that embody the school. The staff, parents, and students are courteous. They keep the building and grounds in great condition. The school and students also give their time to various activities in the community. They are great neighbors!

In regards to parking, there are only two short periods during weekdays that is gets more busy, although parking spots are still to be found. Nearly the entire day, evening, and weekends are very quiet with ample parking.

My hope is that you will grant permission to the Montessori Children's School to expand to 1217 Varela St., and allow them to be an even more valuable asset to Key West.

With Warm Regards,
Cody Bartz