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From: Aiste Foreman <Aiste.Foreman@trinitylogistics.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 07, 2018 8:41 AM
To: infocso
Subject: Support for Montessori School in Sussex

Aiste Foreman
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2/7/2018

Dear Department of Education:

I would like to express my support for Montessori Works Incorporated which is filing an application to the Delaware Department of Education for Sussex Montessori School as a state-authorized charter school in Delaware.

Sussex County is experiencing and will continue to experience high rates of population growth over the next decade. While the eastern portion of Sussex is growing due to retirees, many families are finding more affordable properties in the western areas of the state. Sussex County needs educational choices for parents as families grow. These choices will also attract new community members to a growing regional economy.

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We are supportive of the work of Montessori Works Incorporated in developing this school. It is our plan that once the school is authorized and start-up begins, we will participate in supporting this school with what it needs to succeed. We would greatly appreciate your willingness to give Sussex Montessori a chance to provide the educational opportunities this community deserves.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Aiste Foreman
A parent and a community member

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From: Susan Portz <susanportz@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2018 12:30 PM
To: infocso
Subject: Montessori School Meeting 2/12/18

Hello,

I am extremely interested in the opening of a Montessori school in Sussex County, Delaware. I am aware there will be an informational meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018 at the Georgetown library.

I am unable to attend that meeting but wanted to express my interest in pursuing the opening of a Montessori school here. I live in Milford, Delaware, and I believe the Montessori method of teaching is more in sync with the learning differences of our young children.

Although I am unable to be physically present Monday evening, I'd love to engage in the conversation regarding the potential opening.

How can I receive materials and/or add us to a potential student waiting list ?

Many thanks for all you are doing.

Susan Portz
Milford, Delaware

Carwell John

From: Jack Bucchioni <Jack@JackBucchioni.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 11, 2018 5:47 PM
To: infocso
Subject: Please help this group

Dear Applicable Delaware Department Of Education Personnel,

Please forward this email to the appropriate office.

I am writing this email in support of the Sussex Montessori School as a choice for children in Sussex County. Full disclosure warrants I inform you I am running for the Delaware State House District 20 here in Sussex County in 2018.

As a former educator myself, I am in hope you also look into helping this organization as they are having a meeting Monday night February 12 (tomorrow) in Georgetown, Delaware that is important to their future. Please give me a call direct should you need to talk further on this particular subject. Further information can be found at:

Citizens for Sussex Montessori School
at <https://www.facebook.com/MontessoriDE>

Thank you in advance for any kindness you can provide in helping these folks cut through the endless bureaucracy that always looms when good people do good things.

Regards,

Jack Bucchioni
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From: Billie Criswell <bossyitalianwife@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 11:04 AM
To: infocso
Subject: Montessori Ed. Lower Delaware

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing ahead of tonight's meeting, which I am unable to attend, to comment on my fervent support for the proposed public Montessori school in southern Delaware. As a parent to a child who exhibits a hands-on learning style, I believe a school of this nature would be a great asset to our community.

Parents in my position don't always have a great deal of choice when it comes to out-of-the-box learning options for our children. When private school is financially out of reach, we can only take advantage of public options. Southern Delaware has made great strides with opening magnet and charter schools for special interests (the school for the arts) and academic advance (arts and sciences), and I feel a Montessori school would allow for children to take advantage of a unique learning style that would prepare them for a diverse world.

Keeping in mind how the area is growing, the need for more schools will be undeniable. Montessori should be a part of our educational landscape. For my own family, it would be a first choice option.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Billie Criswell

Carwell John

From: Christophe Clark Emmert <cce Emmert@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:52 PM
To: infocso
Subject: Meeting tonight

Hello,

I attended an informational meeting last year about the prospect of a Montessori elementary school in Sussex. While I am not able to attend the meeting tonight, I have twin almost 4 year olds and am interested in learning more about the new school and the status of the charter. We live in Lewes, so I would hope that a school that is centrally located, like Georgetown would be most practical to families across the county. I attended a Montessori school as a young child and look forward to hearing more about the meeting.

Best,
Christophe Emmert
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Carwell John

From: Beth Eisenhour <baeisen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 5:27 PM
To: infocso
Subject: in support of Sussex Montessori!

Hello,

I was planning to attend the meeting in Georgetown tonight to show my support for Sussex Montessori but it turns out I won't be able to attend so I wanted to email to show my support instead. I have a son who will turn 2 at the end of March 2018 and I am definitely interested in sending him to Sussex Montessori when he's older.

Thank you,

Beth Eisenhour
Lewes, DE

Carwell John

From: Margaret Rohlich <mnrohlich@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:15 AM
To: infocso
Subject: Sussex Montessori School

Good morning,

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the public meeting last evening in Georgetown to show my support for the application of the Sussex Montessori school. I am planning to have children in the next few years and this type of education is exactly what I would be looking for for my children.

I know of many other people who support the Montessori school system but were also unable to attend the meeting.

Please consider opening the Montessori school system to offer better options for education.

All my best,
Margaret Bressler

Alison E. Rohlich
27288 Woodland Road
Seaford, Delaware 19973

January 20, 2018

Dear Department of Education,

I am writing to convey the necessity and advantages of a Montessori school in the Sussex County area. Montessori Works Incorporated is currently in the application process to open Sussex Montessori School and approval is pending.

Educational opportunities at the elementary level are few and far between in western Sussex County. As the mother of a two-year-old daughter, I have been struggling for the past few years about where my daughter and future children would attend school when they reach school age. The only tuition-free option in my town of Seaford being the Seaford School District, all other schools are out of reach for many families in this community. I know this case is the same for surrounding Sussex County towns.

While certainly any additional choices for elementary education would be beneficial, a Montessori school would be even more so. Having worked at Wilmington Montessori School for several years throughout my college career, I feel strongly that the Montessori method is the ideal approach to teaching. After my time at WMS, I knew I would want to my children to attend a Montessori school. The practices of mixed-age classrooms and encouraging independence along with self-teaching are unlike techniques practiced in traditional schools, which are more structured. Sussex Montessori School follows a philosophy that cannot be found elsewhere in this region.

I am supportive of Montessori Works Incorporated and everything the organization is doing to improve the futures of Sussex County children and families. This area would be incredibly fortunate to gain Sussex Montessori School. I am confident the Department of Education will appreciate the numerous benefits of this school as well, and as a result, will approve this charter school application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



The Harper Family
509 Elm Drive
Seaford, DE 19973

January 23, 2018

Dear Department of Education:

We would like to express my support for Montessori Works Incorporated which is filing an application to the Delaware Department of Education for Sussex Montessori School as a state-authorized charter school in Delaware.

Sussex County is experiencing and will continue to experience high rates of population growth over the next decade. While a good portion of the eastern side of Sussex is growing due to retirees and second home purchases, many other families are finding more affordable properties in the western areas of the state. Sussex County needs educational choices for all parents as our families grow and we take a proactive approach to our children's education. Families new to the area look for choices when they make decisions on whether or not to relocate for jobs in our growing economy.

More importantly, the availability of a Montessori educational model is much needed in this area. Montessori is a personalized learning approach providing an environment designed to support children's developing brains, allowing them the freedom to work on areas of interest, and the structure to be innovative, creative, and to collaborate with peers. This approach builds independent learners who are primed to be contributing members of the greater community whether it be their future school, community, or business. This approach is particularly effective with a diverse range of students, including English Language Learners, students with special needs, gifted learners, and the economically disadvantaged.

My family is supportive of the work of Montessori Works Incorporated in developing this school. We commit that once the school is authorized and start-up begins, we will participate in supporting this school with what it needs to succeed. We would greatly appreciate your willingness to give Sussex Montessori a chance to provide the educational opportunities we deserve.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erika S. Harper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "E" and "H".

The Harper Family



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Georgetown, DE 19947
302-854-9262

February 6, 2018

Delaware Department of Education
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, DE 19901

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rosalía Velázquez
Executive Director
La Esperanza, Inc.