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**From:** Anteneh Zewde <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 11:11 AM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** First State Montessori Academy Major Modification Application Public Comment

**Charter School:** First State Montessori Academy

**Name:** Anteneh Zewde

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**Public Comment:** First State Montessori Academy has been an excellent school since the start. The combination of a strong board, excellent leadership, dedicated teachers along with a solid PTO has made this school flawless. For a school in its second year, it has been an impressive education outlet. Expanding the school to 7 and 8 grade is an excellent proposal and fully supported. With what I have seen inside the leadership and the backing of parents support, the school will not have any problem in adding 2 more grades and managing it well. I believe the school has already proven their leadership and should get the opportunity to modify and add the 2 grades allowing a continuity of the students development.

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**From:** Byron Poland <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 4:41 PM  
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**Subject:** First State Montessori Academy Major Modification Application Public Comment

**Charter School:** First State Montessori Academy

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**Public Comment:** I support FSMA's application for expansion, as it brings increases the opportunity for children in the state to have an option for a Montessori based education.

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**From:** Nelia Dolan <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:11 PM  
**To:** infocso  
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**Charter School:** First State Montessori Academy

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**Public Comment:** First State Montessori %Low Income 10  
Bancroft Elementary %Low Income 80.5  
Stubbs Elementary %Low Income 86.5

Bancroft Elementary and Stubbs Elementary are the two schools closest to FSM serving the same grades.

Allowing schools that receive public tax dollars but do not serve all children to continue to expand will only encourage exclusivity in certain charter schools. In the past these schools have been allowed expansion with the request to do better. They have not. Please do not continue to make the same mistakes.

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**From:** Christopher Young <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 02, 2016 8:47 PM  
**To:** infocso  
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**Charter School:** First State Montessori Academy

**Name:** Christopher Young

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**Public Comment:** Our family would like to offer our support of FSMA expansion. During our time at FSMA we have had the pleasure of being a part of a first class charter school run by dedicated teachers and administrators.