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**From:** Alexa Hurley <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 09, 2016 8:09 AM  
**To:** infocso  
**Subject:** First State Montessori Academy Major Modification Application Public Comment

**Charter School:** First State Montessori Academy

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**Public Comment:** Our 5 1/2 year old grandson is in kindergarten at FSMA, and our hope is that our 7 year old grandson will be there for the start of the new school year in September, 2016, as well.

I am a retired 4th grade teacher, and our (adult) children spent their early education years in Montessori. I've had the opportunity to spend some time at FSMA with our daughter (mother of the grandsons). The administration, support staff, teachers are 100% dedicated to their mission at FSMA, and it shows. This school fosters the values all children need to be successful not only in education but in their lives.

I want this charter to be able to expand. Delaware will be a better place if more of this state's children have the benefit of FSMA.

Truly,  
Alexa Hurley

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**From:** Tanika Bosley <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
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**Public Comment:** To whom it may concern: My family, who has a child currently attending FSMA, respectfully submit our comments on the expansion of First State Montessori Academy. This school does a tremendous job of teaching youth to build self esteem, creativity and the true meaning of community both in and outside of the classroom. To build upon this method by increasing the number of grades and making room for more students and staff will inevitably have a positive impact on the families that attend this school as well as the surrounding community. Please allow this educational system to continue to thrive by reaching more families through the power of education and dedication.

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**From:** Kathleen Ierien <infocso@doe.k12.de.us>  
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**Public Comment:** FSMA is a wonderful school with gifted teachers and administrators. I support their mission to bring public Montessori education to Delaware students for a longer period of their academic experience. This is an amazing opportunity and I hope the proposed expansion will move forward with state approval. Thank you.