

Bree Redmond Sent: Saturday, August 8, 2020 11:15 PM To: Brent Danielson Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cherry Lane Montessori CAUTION: This email originated from outside Ada County email servers. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Verify the sender by mouse-hovering over their display name in order to see the sender's full email address and confirm it is not suspicious. If you are unsure an email is safe, please report the email by using the 'Phish Alert' button in Outlook. To whom it may concern: Our now five year old son has been attending Cherry Lane Montessori for two years now. He's grown academically and socially far beyond our expectations. He not only is reading at a first grade level, learning multiplication, can hold a simple conversation in Spanish, knows all the continents, and has flourished socially, but also has gained many independent skills many preschools don't encourage. Miss Jessie has always made sure to listen to any concerns we have and communicates with us very well. As someone who has worked many years in childcare and has taught preschool myself, I am very impressed with Cherry Lane Montessori's program, dedication to its students and their families, and the passion Miss Jessie and her staff have for teaching. We also have a two year old and a two month old at home that will most definitely attend Cherry Lane Montessori in the future. Our family would love to see their school grow and shared with more families in the Treasure Valley. Thank you for your time, The Redmond Family

From: Gina Glenn Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:17 AM To: Brent Danielson Subject: [EXTERNAL] Jessie Ellis Hello my name is Gina Glenn, and I am writing on behalf of Jessie Ellis and Cherry Lane Montessori School. Words can not begin to describe how amazing Jessie is and how special her school is. My daughter attended for a year and absolutely loved the school. Jessie is a special woman who is kind, gentle and supportive of every child and family. We could not have asked for a more safe, loving and educational environment than the one Jessie provided. I know if the school were to expand. more children and families would be able to experience how truly special this school is. I am hopeful you will consider my story and move forward with the approval for the expansion of Montessori Cherry Lane school. Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: Linda Jordan Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 2:19 PM To: Brent Danielson Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cherry Lane Montessori Hello, My name is Linda Jordan. I just wanted to say how excited I am for the cherry lane Montessori to be expanded. We have been with them since they opened and we absolutely love it. Mrs Jessie is one of the best teachers we have had. My son will be going again this year and he is so excited. Thank you for letting me tell you about it. We hope to see the new school go up very soon!
Linda Jordan

From: Jaime Myers Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 3:55 PM To: Brent Danielson Subject: [EXTERNAL] Jessie Ellis & Cherry Lane Montessori School ATTN: Brent Danielson Good Afternoon, I wanted to take a few minutes to share with you my experience with the school owner Jessie Ellis and the Cherry Lane Montessori school. Our family actually met Ms. Jessie 3 years ago at a different Montessori school where she was teaching. From the first day she started teaching there till the day she left, Ms. Jessie left an impression on our son that was noticeable from day one, and was greatly missed when she left. Our son just flourished under her and he developed a love for learning that had not been there before. I was very grateful for the time he had with her, and I was very sad when she had left for another school. Hearing through the "grapevine" that she was wanting to open her own school and praying that one day this dream would come true for her. Fast forward to last November, our daughter was having a difficult time and behavioral issues at her preschool. She was bored and needed more than the standard preschool teachings. My husband called all over the valley and Ms. Jessie answered and offered to meet us the next day (on a Saturday). At the time of going to meet with her, I didn't know who she was, but when we walked into her school I realized she was the same Ms. Jessie my son had loved so much and I was beside myself with excitement. Our daughter has also flourished under Ms. Jessie. She went from not knowing her alphabet to knowing letter sounds and reading two months later. All of the behavior issues we were having are now gone, and our daughter now has a love around learning that had never been there before. Ms. Jessie is a gift and a blessing. She is calm, patient, smart, and just an amazing human. A school under her direction would be a great asset to this area and is something that our children greatly need. Kids are not one size fits all when it comes to learning and what Ms. Jessie offers in her school is unique and not currently found in Ada or Canyon County. It is for all of these reasons and many more that I would like to encourage you to please consider and approve her application for her school. Please feel free to email me or call if you have any questions about my testament. Thank you for your time. CAUTION: This email originated from outside Ada County email servers. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe. Verify the sender by mouse-hovering over their display name in order to see the sender's full email address and confirm it is not suspicious. If you are unsure an email is safe, please report the email by using the 'Phish Alert' button in Outlook. 2 Jaime Myers 208-871-2990

From: Alena Sheire Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:25 AM To: Brent Danielson Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Cherry Lane Montessori (Treasure Valley Montessori LLC) Mr. Danielson, Our son has attended Cherry Lane Montessori (Treasure Valley Montessori LLC) since August of 2018. Our experience over the last two years with Jessie Ellis and her staff have been nothing short of phenomenal. Jessie is an excellent communicator, incredibly supportive, and an exceptional teacher. She cares deeply for each of her students and always goes above and beyond to make sure they're succeeding in all areas of development. Her expertise and love for her students doesn't stop at the classroom door. I often reach out to her outside of school hours with questions about my son's behavior, emotional health, any concerns I may have, etc. I find her advice and knowledge incredibly reassuring and helpful. Parenting is not for the faint of heart. Our son has built a solid foundation and passion for learning while under Jessie's care. He has absolutely thrived! I am in awe of the quality of the curriculum and his excitement over the many subjects he is exposed to at school. I am in full support of this school expansion project and look forward to the day our second son will attend Cherry Lane Montessori. Please let me know if I can provide anything further or if you have any questions. Thank you, Alena Sheire

From: casey_mason530@yahoo.com Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:14 AM To: Brent Danielson
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cherry Lane Montessori I wanted to write to express our gratitude towards Cherry Lane Montessori and Miss Jessie and her staff. My 4 year old absolutely loves going and the practices they have put in place during this pandemic really puts my mind at ease. I know Miss Jessie cares deeply for her students as we do for her. The outdoor classrooms have also been perfect for summertime giving the kids opportunities to practice social distancing as well as still be a "kid". It is so important for kids physically and mentally to keep some sort of routine and Miss Jessie has helped us with this. Thank you for listening, Casey Mason

From: Kayla Ross Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 7:43 AM To: Brent Danielson Subject: [EXTERNAL] Good morning Brent, Hi, my name is Kayla Ross. I am happy to write you a statement on behave of Cherry lane Montessori. I am grateful to have found such a kind, healthy work environment for myself and for the children. I wouldn't work somewhere I wouldn't bring my own children. She is providing not only education, but a safe place for the children where parents can go to work with peace of mind knowing that their children are being taken care of as good, if not better than, they would be at home. I plan on being with her for a long time and am excited to put my name/ face with her school/ business. I am excited to see it grow and be apart of a small change in this community. To give children the best early childhood education,love and happy memories. Thank you for your time, Kayla Ross

From: Rylen Carroll Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:10 PM To: Brent Danielson Cc: jessie.montessori@gmail.com Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cherry Lane Montessori Hello, I am writing this email on behalf of Jessie Ellis, and Cherry Lane Montessori. I would like to give me personal recommendation to their opening of the Montessori school building on their property off of Cherry Lane. My son has attended Jessie's school for just under a year now, and will be attending this fall as a Kindergartener. Jessie is wonderful with the kids, she is highly invested in their growth, happiness, and overall development. I think she has done an amazing job with my son while teaching and caring for him at her in-home-school, and would only be able to do more with the kids with a more sophisticated school building environment. Please grant them a permit to build the new school! Thank you very much, Rylie

Dear Mr. Danielson,

My Name is Dr. Jared Vineyard and I am writing on behalf of the Cherry Lane

Montessori School and the related building project. My son Carson who is currently 5 has been attending Cherry Lane Montessori for over a year and a half and I wanted to share our experience and support for Jessie Ellis and her school.

Our son's time at Montessori has been nothing short of a complete positive turn around.

He was expelled from his previous daycare because they could not control his spirited way. For

example, during story time or nap time he often wandered to play with other toys and refused to comply. There was even an isolated incident of him stepping on a teacher's foot on purpose when they tried to force compliance. They would chase him if he was up and moving so it became a game for him, rather than discipline. Because the rules for him kept changing at the day care it caused him confusion and as a result his self-esteem was beginning to suffer. Within a week of attending Cherry Lane Montessori the non-compliance, aggressive physical and verbal behavior had almost completely disappeared. My wife and I were so relieved because we worried that perhaps he had a more serious long-term problem. It turns out what he needed was a loving and caring environment where building a happy and healthy human is the leading principal of the school.

Jessie Ellis is an extraordinary person and educator. It would have been enough for my wife and I for Carson to feel valued and learn mastery over his more spirited behaviors but Cherry Lane has provided so much more. Within a couple of months Carson left far ahead of his older peers at his previous daycare in numbers, letters, and socialization. This year he has begun reading and recently doing addition and subtraction. He will enter into kindergarten well-prepared and it is due to Carson's effort and the school's excellent curriculum. We are so happy

and impressed with the schooling he has received in preschool that we have chosen to send him to Cherry Lane for kindergarten as well.

Beyond being a warm and caring educator, Miss Jessie is exactly who you want running a school in our current pandemic environment. Since day one, she has 100% complied with the state and CDC recommendations. My wife and I are both scientists and I am a researcher by trade. We value data driven decisions guided by the professional who have the experience to make recommendations (CDC). We were deeply moved but not surprised when Miss Jessie continued to diligently follow the strict interpretation of CDC guidelines (daily temperature taking of child and parent, social distancing followed by mask wearing) after the governor had lifted the shutdown, even going so far as to use the shutdown time to completely transform the learning environment by moving all activities outdoors for the summer for the children's safety. She has remained steadfast in protecting our children and their families by refusing to give into

complaints from parents that she is too “strict” about the children wearing masks and other precautions. All of this may seem elementary to any health care worker or person with a basic understanding of public safety but when put into context of Ada counties exponential increase in cases from most residents refusing to follow basic recommendations her decisions stand out.

To summarize Mr. Danielson, Cherry Lane Montessori has provided a warm, caring learning environment that goes above and beyond what the majority of preschool environments typically provide. Her methods and personality have helped my son gain confidence, learn needed academic skills, and shape a happy little human. Ms. Jessie has provided a safe environment for Carson to grow including steadfastly adhering to important CDC guidelines to stop the spread of COVID 19. I sincerely support her plans to expand her school with the new

building and look forward to our future little ones beginning their journey of learning with Ms. Jessie.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jared and Teresa Vineyard