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Fwd: Mary Casey's Day Care/School

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Subject: Mary Casey's Day Care/School
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I'm writing to share my support for Mary Casey's in-house daycare school

First I want to mention the quality results she produces in her students. I have a granddaughter who attended Mary's school. First of all, she became an eager learner. She always was eager to go to Mary's. Secondly, her reading and math skills accelerated exponentially. Suddenly my five year old was reading second grade books. Thirdly, the sense of order and cooperation among the children was impressive. For instance, while waiting to perform for a parents' program, the students were all in one room separate from the parents. They had to wait quite a while to perform and were patient and polite while parents were introduced and talked. Mary is a dedicated, talented teacher.

Being in Mary's home is a plus. It does not feel like a generic daycare. It is a home learning center. The kids cook and play and learn in a home "cozy" environment.

I understand that there have been some complaints about noise. Mary's enthusiasm is the quality that kids love. I can't imagine an hour of outside play being a nuisance.

Above all, Mary is conscientious. I know she would respond to neighbors concerns to the best of her ability if given a fair chance. All parents are quick to come and go and rarely is there a collection of cars for longer than ten minutes. Safety has never been a concern because Mary is a prudent and nurturing teacher with good judgment.

Mary has created a learning environment that is special due to her skill as a teacher and due to her welcoming home which day care kids need. They need a home feel.

I ask that Mary's wonderful work continue in her home with all efforts to ameliorate neighbor concerns as needed. Don't shut down something so special.

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Hello,

I am writing in support of Mary Casey and her operation of Primary Focus where my daughter attended pre-school for one year. Mary is an amazing asset to our Cape Elizabeth community. She has a way with kids that totally captures their hearts and imaginations. The thought that she wouldn't be able to provide her services to a small group of kids next year due to some concerns in her neighborhood is a travesty.

Mary goes out of her way to drive her students home at the end of the school day which greatly minimizes car volume. I had never seen more than 2 parents dropping off at a time & usually the cars are parked in her driveway.

I always felt that my daughter was safe while under Mary's supervision. Clearly the State of Maine has no safety concerns as they are willing to grant her the license.

If you didn't know her address, you would have no idea where the school is. There are no visible exterior characteristics that would point to a pre school.

People move to Cape Elizabeth for the schools, so we are all surrounded by families who value education. Pre school with Mary is just what these families appreciate and value. I hope our town can support her and all of us who depend on programs like these to help our kids thrive.

Thank you,

Sarah Gagne

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