

Dear County Commissioners,

I would like to thank Kirby Blass and the entire planning committee for reading my letter and allowing my voice to be heard on behalf of Discovery Lane. My name is Alice Lane, I'm the Co Founder/Co Owner of Discovery Lane. Our school has been an outstanding educational asset to the community of Waldorf and Charles County for the past 5 years. Our school has given children ages 2 to 5 a quality educational service that has been proven with every student that has graduated from our program. Our students go on to do exceptionally well in the Public school system. Our school is in high demand for enrollment. At this present time we have a waiting list of 20 children trying to enroll in our program. Families have traveled from Brandywine, Upper Marlboro and even as far as Howard County to attend Discovery Lane. Our Teaching team has years of experience in education and 80% of our staff has college degrees in education, the other 20% is in school working on a degree, and the Co Founder/Co Owner Ms. Shante is getting her doctoral degree in special education. Discovery Lane has a big community Book Fair and Wellness day every year. These two events have made an outstanding difference in Waldorf and Charles County. Our school has a partnership with Soccer Shots,(teaching the students entry level soccer) My Gym,(Giving the students the opportunity to strengthen their motor skills) LaChrisha Yoga, (Our yoga teacher is amazing with the students showing them how yoga meditation can enhance their day daily. Spice Co.(With Chef Brazil, he teaches the students how to prepare and make healthy food. Snipes Design Agency: (Ms. Snipes is a graphic designer that teaches our students digital illustration. Physical Education (Dr. Temika Edwards teaches our students how physical education is fun and important to our daily routine. Our last partnership is with I'm Crafter Art (Ms. Tee has given our students the desire and love for the Arts. Discovery Lane has been among the top 5 preschools in Charles County for the past 5 years. Discovery Lane has been featured twice in the Maryland Southern Newspaper. Most of all Discovery Lane has made a huge impact on their parents and students. Please help the students in the community and the surrounding areas continue to get this profound education from ages 2 to Secondary. Thank you for your honorable consideration. Please make note the importance of closing the record and making a decision today, September 29, 2021 by passing the Legislation allowing for Private Elementary and Secondary School to participate in this zone. **TODAY IS OUR LAST DAY TO GET APPROVED TO BECOME A PRIVATE SCHOOL, OR WE WILL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR!**