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**Subject:** In Support of Forest School on 532 Blue Lake Rd

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## Good Day Shannon,

I am writing to you this evening to show my support for the proposal submitted for zoning to run a small Forest School on 532 Blue Lake Rd in St. George.

As a mother with a 29 month old and a 5 month old who lives less than 15 minutes away from the proposed location I am so excited to welcome this endeavor with open arms. My daughter was born in March 2020 and what I thought would be a wonderful maternity leave filled with extracurricular play groups ended up being a year (or more) full of isolation. My daughter has missed so many opportunities to socialize with children her age and because of this gas developed a speech delay. What I do know is that she loves being around other children and loves being outdoors.

I have visited the proposed location with my daughter and I can see her thriving if she were able to go there for a few days a week. The forest is abundant and I know they will fill the days with singing and learning around the great outdoors. These are the types of real life experiences I want my daughter to have as I believe they will help her catch up to her peers but also learn valuable lessons.

I also am very much in support of this Forest School because there is very limited Forest Schools in the area. The ones that we do have are full and waitlisted. Why not allow another Forest School so that there is greater access for our children?

Please allow this project to move forward as we are in desperate need of this.

Thank you for your time,

Aleah Cabral