

**Testimony of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D
to the
Board of Zoning Adjustment
Regarding: BZA 18431 The Field School, 2301 Foxhall Road., N.W.**

Dear Chairperson Lloyd and Members of the Board. My name is Stu Ross and I am the Chair of ANC3D. I appear this morning with my colleague, Commissioner Kent Slowinski, in whose SMD the Field School is located.

On October 25, 2012, ANC3D transmitted to the BZA its unanimous approval of the Field School's request to increase its school enrollment cap for students from 340 to 400 and to increase the faculty and staff cap from 74 to 110. Prior to approval, we had four meetings with Field School on their plans and our approval letter to you all is attached to this testimony. That approval came with six conditions which are contained in our letter to you of October 25, 2012, which, as noted, is attached to this testimony. Mr. Slowinski and I will address them now and take your questions.

Condition 1.

As noted, all of these conditions were unanimously approved. The drainage issue was a lingering neighborhood problem which Field readily agreed to fix.

Condition 2.

This condition is not dissimilar from the above condition and requires the installation of a 12-foot lattice fence to screen from the residents on 44th Street the view of the blue Field School busses. Field also embraced this condition.

Condition 3.

Again, at the request of immediate neighbors, Field has agreed to replace, prior to occupancy of the new addition, a cooling unit by the gymnasium with a unit that is 20% quieter.

Condition 4.

This is a sensitive issue relating to requests of the Field School to make their outdoor and indoor facilities available to third parties. The previous approval of the Field School's relocation and construction contained provisions requested by close neighbors, of limitations on any use of the fields and facilities. The pressure of sports leagues and events sponsors was debated in our meetings and we have tried, recognizing that it is Field's property, and the neighbors in close proximity bear the burden of such events, to have a report-back dialog to ANC3D between Field and potential users so as to have all parties talking.

Condition 5.

It was the strong view of ANC3D that non-expired conditions of the present BZA order will carry forward.

Condition 6.

This condition involves morning and evening trips to and from the school as part of its expansion. Foxhall Road is a busy school-laden road in this immediate Field School area. ANC3D has had good results, with other schools, in

implementing a Transportation Demand Management Plan (“TDM”), which is part of our record in the consideration of Fields’ expansion. Field has agreed to this condition of employing the TDM and reporting to DDOT and ANC3D as set forth in our letter to you of October 25, 2012. Compliance with the TDM will be measured by whether Field School maintains the “trip caps” of 107 in the morning peak and 42 in the afternoon peak.

We look forward to discussing all and any of these conditions with you.

Respectfully,

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Re: BZA 1831 The Field School, 2301 Foxhall Road, N.W.

Dear Mr. Jordan,

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3-D held its regularly scheduled meeting on October 3, 2012 and, with a quorum present at all times, voted unanimously, 7-0-0, to support the application of the Field School for a special exception to increase the private school enrollment cap from 320 to 400 students and to increase the faculty and staff cap from 74 to 110. ANC3D had previously had two informal presentations from the school on May 2 and June 6, 2012 and a previous presentation on September 5, 2012 of some aspects of the plan. The action taken on October 3, 2012, was under section 206, in the R-1-A District at premises 2301 Foxhall Road, N.W. (Square 1341, Lots 856, 861, 878 and 879) and the approval was with the following conditions:

- 1) Prior to the beginning of the occupancy of the new addition the Field School will permanently fix the drainage issues that occur by the installation of a silt tarp installed on the fence abutting 44th Street residences adjacent to Field School.
- 2) Prior to the beginning of the occupancy of the new addition, the Field School will provide further screening for 44th Street neighbors at the edge of the parking area near its gymnasium in the form of a 12 foot lattice fence and related plantings; the Field School will maintain this fencing in good working condition with regard to screening the view of the blue Field School buses from the adjacent properties.
- 3) Prior to the beginning of the occupancy of the new addition, the Field School will replace the cooling unit, now referred to as "The Chiller" next to the gymnasium with a unit that is at least 20% quieter.
- 4) Field School shall not be prohibited from making its fields and facilities available for use by third parties; shall convene meetings with immediate neighbors and other local residents to assess ways that the school's sports fields and facilities may be

used by groups in a way that is sensitive to the surrounding neighborhood; shall commit to working to achieve, if possible, community-wide consensus and plan to facilitate greater use of its fields by outside groups; and shall report annually in writing to the ANC for the next two years on the status of its efforts to achieve such a community-wide consensus and develop an appropriate plan. The Field School shall hold no more than 10 non-sporting events of more than 100 people each year. Events are not to begin before 9 am and are to end before 8:30 pm. These conditions are for a five year trial period.

- 5) Non-expired conditions from the present BZA order will carry forward.
- 6) Field School shall fully implement and comply with the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan submitted into the record. The TDM shall mandate that no new trips be generated beyond 107 morning peak hour trips between 7:30 and 8:30 AM and 42 afternoon peak hour trips between 5:00 and 6:00 PM, as identified in the Transportation Impact Study. It shall also require that a traffic monitoring survey be performed during the second year following completion of the expansion requested in the special exception relief application. Within 60 days of each traffic monitoring survey required, Field School shall provide to DDOT and ANC 3D a report indicating its compliance with the TDM. Compliance with the TDM will be measured by whether Field School maintains a peak for either of the trip caps no higher than 107 morning peak hour trips between 7:30 and 8:30 AM and 42 afternoon peak hour trips between 5:00 and 6:00 PM. If the Field School exceeds either of the trip caps for either of the two reporting periods, additional transportation demand measures shall be triggered for review and approval by DDOT.

Therefore, ANC 3D urges the Board of Zoning Adjustment to grant this application and ANC 3D requests that its approval be "given great weight" in the consideration of this application. D.C. Code 1 309.10(d)(3)(A).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stu Ross", with a stylized, flowing script.

Stu Ross,
Chair, ANC 3D

Cc: Will Layman, The Field School