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BY FIRST CLASS MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Dear _____:

The purpose of this letter is two-fold: (1) to inform you that the Academy for Ideal Education (AIE) has filed an application with the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for a special exception, and (2) to ask your support for the BZA's approval of the application. A special exception may be approved where it will not tend to affect adversely the use of neighboring property and is not likely to become objectionable because of noise, traffic or number of students. AIE sincerely believes that its application satisfies the requirements for a special exception.

On the last page of this letter, we ask you to indicate your support for the approval of the application or to inform us that you want us to contact you to answer your questions or to provide more information. Please consider the following facts and informational statements in this letter in making your decision. Then complete and return the last page of this letter to AIE in the enclosed stamped, pre-addressed envelope.

Since the beginning of the school year last September, AIE, a small, non-profit private school, has been your new neighbor at 4501 Dix Street, NE, the educational annex of Grace Apostolic Church. AIE is delighted to be a resident of the neighborhood, and we look forward to being actively involved with our fellow neighbors. We sincerely believe that our quiet and unobtrusive presence in the neighborhood for the past five months indicates that AIE's operations have not and will not negatively affect the community.

A. Applicant – Academy for Ideal Education is the trade name of the applicant, Associates for Ideal Education, a tax-exempt, D.C. non-profit corporation that was incorporated in 1981 and has operated continuously in D.C. AIE's educational mission is to prepare students for college or post-secondary careers or vocational training. We currently serve students from kindergarten to grade twelve.

B. No Adverse Noise Impact

(1) Small Student Enrollment – The current enrollment is sixty students, and the application for a special exception provides for an enrollment of up to 110 students. Thus, AIE's student enrollment is not now, nor is it likely to become, objectionable to neighboring property owners. The regular school operating hours begin at 8:30 a.m., which is during or after the departure time to work for neighborhood residents who work away from home, and end at 3:30 p.m., which is earlier than the end of a workday for most workers. During most of a school day, students are indoors in orderly, teacher-supervised classrooms and instructional environments. Recess periods for students are brief and also teacher supervised.

(2) No Renovations or Construction – AIE neither planned nor proposed to reconstruct or renovate any part of the exterior of the building or to reconstruct, demolish or renovate any of the interior spaces of the building, except for painting and carpeting in certain areas. Thus, no noises or disturbances will be experienced by neighboring property owners as a result of any construction, demolition or renovation activity in the building.

(3) No Athletic Facilities – The building occupied by AIE has no athletic or sports facilities, including no facilities for spectator-attended athletic contests or events with competing schools. Thus, AIE will not host on-site athletic events that result in significant increases in noise, traffic, lighting pollution and parking congestion in the surrounding neighborhood.

(4) Compatibility with Landlord's Operations – The building occupied by AIE is owned by, and is immediately adjacent to, Grace Apostolic Church, an institutional, non-residential property owner with an active congregation and numerous ministries. However, because AIE's hours of operation are at times when the church is not holding worship services or other activities, neighboring residents will experience no compounding effect in terms of noise, traffic and parking congestion from AIE's operations.

C. No Adverse Traffic Impact – The commuting pattern for students to and from school involves relatively few students who are transported by automobile by a parent and no students who drive and park at school. One of the reasons for this pattern is AIE's location only three-tenths (0.3) of a mile from the Benning Road Metro Station.

D. No Adverse Parking Impact – The impact on the neighborhood of parking by AIE's staff will be negligible. The staff has the use of Grace Apostolic Church's parking lot during school operating hours when the parking lot is largely unused.

We sincerely appreciate your prompt consideration of the foregoing requests and information. If you have questions or need more information, please contact either of the following individuals:

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Sincerely,

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Regarding the application of the Academy for Ideal Education to the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment for a special exception, I have placed an "X" on the line to indicate my preference.

_____ I support the approval of the application for a special exception.

_____ I request more information about the application for a special exception or I have questions. Please contact me at my home telephone number, _____, or my cell telephone number, _____, to arrange a time for a follow-up meeting or telephone conversation.

_____ I am opposed to the approval of the application for a special exception.

(signature)
Date: _____, 2015

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