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Dear Members of the Board,

I, as a parent of children attending Lee Montessori Public Charter School, would like to express my concerns and priorities regarding the proposed development.

As someone who lives in a neighborhood with a new, nearby charter school in Northwest D.C., I am well aware the impact a school has on a community. Sure, there are minor, fleeting increased parking and traffic needs, but these are issues that can be easily alleviated with common-sense remedies like shoring up roads that lead to the school and creating a robust school parking lot.

But more importantly, these concerns must be outweighed by our collective sense of civic responsibility, community ownership and shared responsibility.

There needs to be a preservation of public green space near the school that is easily accessible in a common sense manner.

There needs to be safe sidewalks allowing pedestrian access from 4th St, also taking into account those who arrive/depart via Metro. I am concerned about limiting pedestrian access due to "private sidewalks." Also, pedestrian access should be unrestricted by racial or other profiling, by neighbors or police. It is imperative to the school community that pedestrians be treated equally.

Additionally, it is imperative that there be safe vehicle access from 4th Street for school traffic, including a driveway entrance that is wide enough fit two cars across and which allows for emergency vehicles to get to the school in a quick, common-sense way.

Also there should be:

- Clear and sufficient plan for vehicle flow during the busy drop off and pick up times, based on a traffic study and taking into account the planned growth of the schools.
- Sufficient curb space for drop off and pick up at the schools (not reduced or complicated by changing parking configurations).
- Sufficient parking for the schools to accommodate the expected growth in school staff that comes with growing the student population, as well as occasional school events.
- Clear and sufficient plans to minimize and mitigate construction-related disturbance for students, such as dust and noise.
- Clear and sufficient plans to accommodate school access throughout the construction process, both on foot and by vehicle.

I understand the demand for new housing, but want to reiterate the importance of the above concerns in the plans for development.

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