

November 27, 2017



Frederick Hill, Chairperson
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200S
Washington DC 20001

Re: Letter in Support of BZA Case No. 19599

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I am submitting this letter to express my support for the above-referenced application for Georgetown Day School's (GDS) application for a special exception to build a new GDS Lower/Middle School building on the former Tenleytown Safeway site located at 4203 Davenport Street, NW.

As the Division Director of the Friendship Place Welcome Center, located at 4713 Wisconsin Avenue NW, I am looking forward to increased opportunities for partnership between GDS and Friendship Place. Friendship Place is committed to ending homelessness in the DC Metro area and over the past several years, students from GDS have partnered with us to achieve our goal of eliminating chronic homelessness in the District. Over the years, GDS students have contributed to our programs in significant ways. Students regularly organize supply drives to support our clients, they host summer barbecues for clients and staff, and they have produced written reports that examine the needs faced by veterans experiencing homelessness in the DMV.

I support Georgetown Day School's application for a special exemption because I believe that utilizing this site as the future location the GDS Lower/Middle School will result in increased opportunities for community engagement and partnership between GDS and Friendship Place. While the GDS high school students have already contributed to the success of our mission, by constructing the GDS Lower/Middle School at 4203 Davenport Street NW our ability to impact the community would be greater with the increase in students who could support our outreach programs and ultimately, help us reach our goal of eliminating chronic homelessness.

The proposed project will be a vast improvement over existing conditions at the former Tenleytown Safeway site. Georgetown Day School has carefully listened to input from the community and I appreciate the work they have done to respond to the concerns that have been raised. I would ask the Board to consider my support, as a member of the community, and approve this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean D. Read".

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