



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Zoning Commission for the District of Columbia

441 Fourth Street, N.W.

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Re: Planned Unit Development and Related Map Amendment Application
The Former Randall Junior/Senior High School, 65 I Street S.W. (Square 643-S, Lot 801)

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am writing in support of the Corcoran Gallery of Art project at the Randall Junior High School. In the Fall of 2006, the District of Columbia sold the former Randall Junior High School property to the Corcoran in order that it may be redeveloped as a new facility for the Corcoran's College of Art + Design along with a residential complex.

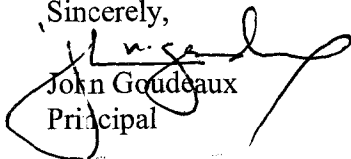
The proposed project is one that will have a tremendous benefit not only to the Southwest neighborhood but to the District as a whole. The Corcoran College of Art + Design's programs in graphic design, media arts, ceramics, and woodworking, in addition to their fine arts curriculum will continue, enhance, and revitalize the tradition established by the Cardozo Manual Training School that once stood on this site.

The new arts education campus will provide not only a new home for the Corcoran's educational programs but will work directly with the local public schools in the Southwest. This new addition to the neighborhood will offer many possibilities for collaboration between the Corcoran and the staff at Amidon Elementary School. We have already met with the faculty and staff at the Corcoran, and will continue our dialogue of opportunities that will assist Amidon students, and provide a direct benefit to the surrounding community. Amidon Elementary is looking forward to working with the Corcoran regarding future educational outreach programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

ZONING COMMISSION
District of Columbia

Sincerely,


John Goudeaux
Principal

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cc. Roberta Weiner, ANC 6D
Jocelyn File, Corcoran Gallery of Art

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