



Columbia Heights Educational Campus

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October 6, 2010

Mr. Anthony Hood, Chair
Zoning Commission
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001*

Dear Mr. Hood:

This letter is written in support of Georgetown University and its 2010 Campus Plan. I have been principal at Columbia Heights Educational Campus for 30 years. During that time, Georgetown University has been a valuable partner to our school and I have found everyone associated with the University to be dedicated and responsive to the needs of those they work with, in our school and in our community.

Columbia Heights Educational Campus, which serves students in grades 6 through 12, is committed to creating learning experiences for our students which focus on rigor, relevance and social justice.

Columbia Heights Educational Campus has a high bilingual student population and strongly gears the instruction towards incorporating full fluency in English and Spanish. Georgetown University students have been consistent in their help in this regard by tutoring English as a Second Language students of immigrant backgrounds, and helping their families and members of this community. Through Georgetown's DC Schools Project (DCSP), students volunteer during the day and during after school hours to accommodate the schedules for working families.

Georgetown student tutors assist middle and high school students with their reading and writing assignments. They also visit their homes where they work one-on-one with students and provide resource services to their families. The tutors seek to create a holistic approach to literacy in the families by matching parents of tutees with adult ESL classes as well as family literacy services and workshops in the community.

Over the years, Georgetown students have made a difference in the lives of hundreds of our students and they have had a tremendous impact on our community. They are fine young people, assisting where there is a great need, while serving as role models for our students. We truly value the manner in which they have committed themselves to work with Columbia Heights Educational Campus and our community are grateful for the contributions they have made.

I commend the University for its' continued efforts, and urge the Board to approve the Campus Plan.

Sincerely,

Maria Tukeva,
Principal

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