



Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School

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BURDEN OF PROOF STATEMENT

Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School is appealing to the DC Board of Zoning for an Exception to the current zoning regulations for 5413 16th St. , N.W. to operate an early childhood campus – grades prek 3 to grade (ages 3 – 7) for 130 students and 12 adults.

Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy is a DC Public Charter School authorized by the DC Public Charter School Board. This DC public school is funded primarily through DC local school funds and provides free public education to residents of the District of Columbia. The school is a nonprofit organization, which is governed by a Board of Trustees. It is accredited by the American Academy for Liberal Education. The main campus of the school is located at the Slowe School Building at 1404 Jackson St., N.E., DC.

The subject premises known 5413 16th St., N.W. is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of 16th Street and Kennedy Street. The subject lot has an area of approximately 34,710.85 square feet. It is improved with a two story stone church and education building, a parking lot containing seventeen parking spaces, and a recreation/playground. The parking lot is accessible by way of a ten and fifteen foot public alley system running along the rear property line. The facility has 6 classrooms, a large multi-purpose room, a library an office. In addition, the facility has 2 boys restrooms, 2 girls restrooms, and an adult restroom.

The surrounding neighborhood has residential dwellings that include single-family homes and multi-family dwellings. There is also a church and a hotel/motel. Rock Creek Park is a great expanse that covers the full street.

The educational facility for which Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy seeks a Certificate of Occupancy fully meets the requirements for occupancy as a public charter school. The school received a Certificate of Occupancy from the DC SFRA in 2004 for the operation of a public charter school.