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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ms. Sheila B. Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustments
414 Fourth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20012

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write in support of the Jewish Primary Day School's (JPDS) Application #16556 before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. JPDS is the only Jewish day school in the District of Columbia and provides an invaluable service to many District residents. It's reputation for educational excellence, committed faculty and student achievement is well known. The loss of this institution to the city would seriously diminish the quality of life for many District families.

JPDS was established in 1987 as an independent school opened to everyone. More than half of the students are district residents. What they seek, a temporary home for a period of 3 years at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth Street NW, would enable it to find a permanent home in our city—certainly a worthy aim.

The Shepherd Park community will benefit by JPDS's presence through immediate snow removal, after-school programs, cultural exchange programs, increased traffic policing and relationship with JPDS's Community Relations Oversight Board.

Thank you for considering the value of JPDS to the city and approving this application.

Sincerely,

Arna Meyer Mickelson
Executive Director
District of Columbia Jewish Community Center

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