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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
Chair
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St. NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Ms. Reid,

Re: Application No. 16556

We are writing you to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the application from the ***Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capitol*** (JPDS-NC) for a temporary site. The approval is critical to the continued success of this excellent school.

For eleven years, JPDS-NC has provided families in Washington an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school where they receive a very strong education in both secular and Judaic studies. In fact, JPDS-NC is the only such school in the city of Washington. More than 60 families who reside in Washington rely on this school for their children's education. Despite the availability of Jewish day schools in suburban Virginia and Maryland, significant number of families who live outside the city have chosen to send their children to JPDS-NC.

JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families living in Washington. Without this school located in the city of Washington, many families would be forced to move to Virginia and Maryland. JPDS-NC should be viewed and is critical to the vitality of the city itself.

As JPDS-NC has indicated, the school and the parent body are fully committed to working with the Shepherd Elementary neighborhood to address its concerns regarding traffic as well as other issues. We appreciate the importance of being good neighbors and being sensitive to the areas that accommodate schools.

We hope the Board of Zoning Adjustment will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure sufficient time for the school to move and reestablish itself in this new location for the 2000/01 school year. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Nancy Golding Robert H Hartheimer

Nancy S. Golding and Robert H. Hartheimer

cc: Councilmember Kathleen Patterson
Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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