March 6, 2000

Ms. Sheila Reid
Chair, Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, NW Suite 210S
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Application No. 16556

Dear Ms. Reid:

As a long-time resident of Washington, I am writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the school zoning application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital 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 Judaics and secular studies. In fact, JPDS-NC is the only such school in the city. More than 60 families who reside in Washington rely on this school for their children's education. And, despite the availability of Jewish day schools in suburban Maryland and Virginia, a significant of families who live outside the city have chosen to send their children to JPDS-NC.

There is no question that JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families in Washington. Without the school, many families who want their children to attend a Jewish day school would move to the suburbs, where such schools exist. So JPDS-NC should be viewed as 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, etc. I appreciate the importance of being good neighbors, and providing community service to the areas that accommodate schools.

I hope the BZA will consider and approve this application in an expedited fashion to ensure sufficient time for the school to move and reestablish itself so it is ready for the 2000/2001 school year. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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3375 Stephenson Place, NW
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cc: Councilmember Charlene Drew Jarvis
Councilmembers at Large
Andrew Altman, Office of Planning

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