March 4, 2000

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

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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RE: APPLICATION #16556

Dear Ms Reid:

I am writing to urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the application of the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital for temporary occupancy at 7701 and 7712 Sixteenth St., N.W. This temporary location will ensure that JPDS-NC thrives as it plans and builds a permanent home in the District.

As a D.C. resident who is considering whether or not to raise a family here, one of the considerations I will have to take into account is whether or not the city welcomes institutions of the quality and character of this school. JPDS-NC provides Washington families an opportunity to send their children to a Jewish community day school, where they receive a strong education in both Jewish and secular subjects. There is no question that JPDS-NC attracts and keeps families in Washington. The city needs institutions like this.

The board and parent body of JPDS-NC have committed themselves to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address all of its concerns, especially those involving traffic. With the BZA's approval, the school will be a valued, responsible member of the community, and will continue its vital role in making this city so strong. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Pickett, Jr.
1429 Q St, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009

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

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