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March 6, 2000

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

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 continues to thrive as it plans and builds a permanent home in the District.

My wife and I recently bought a home in the District of Columbia after six years of living in the Maryland suburbs. We did so because we want to be part of the growth and rejuvenation of this wonderful city. We also made the move because of our commitment to sending our children, the first of whom is due in a matter of weeks, to the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital.

JPDS-NC is a treasure: a warm, welcoming, civic-minded institution that 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. We are a prime example, and we have many peers of whom the same can be said. Were it not for this school, many families who seek this sort of educational opportunity for their children would leave for the suburbs, to the city's detriment.

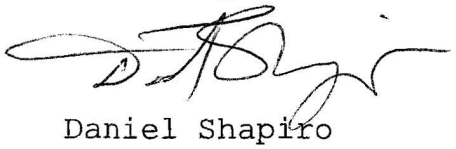
The board and parent body of JPDS-NC have committed themselves to working with the Shepherd Park neighborhood to address all of its concerns, especially those involving traffic. With the BZA's approval, the school will be a valued, responsible member

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of the community, and will continue its vital role in making this city so strong. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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