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District of Columbia Board of
Zoning Adjustment
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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for the Field School
Foxhall Road, NW (the Former Cafritz Estate)

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment Commisioners:

As a nine-year resident, in the community of the Cafritz property, we support the Field School proposal to relocate to this wonderful property along Foxhall Road. We believe that this is an appropriate use of this glorious estate.

As you know, developers are building new homes on every inch of green space. By allowing Field School to be located at the property known as the Cafritz Estate it will act as a preservation to the current and original topography to the property and indeed protect its' neighbors from higher density housing.

Concerning the traffic issues. I believe that The Field School has made strong efforts to evaluate the lowest possible entrances and exits to the school. The schools willingness to provide shuttle busses to bring the children to and from school, should not worsen the existing traffic condition.

The existing traffic conditions, which has caused so much concern, have nothing to do with the Field School. The commuters generally try to rush toward Georgetown from either Foxhall Road or Macarthur Blvd. Those commuters, which come down Foxhall, try and cut through Garfield, Fulton, Dexter and W streets as fast as they possibly can, arrive to 49th and speed as fast as they as they are able through a winding and very narrow country lane. These commuters have no concern for those who live in the community nor the speed limit. We as a neighborhood have little to no side walks, no stops signs, no speed bumps and no police support to control the traffic and finally no Caution: Children are Playing signs. I encourage Department of Public Works to evaluate the bigger picture and place Do Not Enter Signs (On the side streets mentioned) during high traffic hours, and add in sidewalks on 49th street, and Stop Signs and speed bumps at every corner. This would add as an additional deterrent to the existing high traffic problem.

In conclusion, we support the proposed location and do not consider The Field School a detriment to the neighborhood. In fact, we believe that Field is a pleasant addition to our neighborhood and will be a good neighbor to all of us. As for the conversation of the existing traffic conditions, in nine years that we have lived in the community, the Department of Public Works has paid little attention to the neighbors concerns of the traffic. Now, the concerns are wide open and everyone is hearing and hopefully listening. We hope that Department of Public Works takes into concerns our side streets and Children playing in streets (as there are no sidewalks). This in effect proves the good in having the Field School as neighbors. Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Very Truly Yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Economides

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