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District of Columbia
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for The Field School
Foxhall Road, Northwest (the former Cafritz Estate).

Dear Board Commissioners:

I write to express my strong support for the application of The Field School to establish a campus for their school on the former Cafritz Estate along Foxhall Road, N.W. I believe that their thoughtful and attractive development plan, which will provide a permanent home for this wonderful institution, will create minimal impact on the immediate neighbors and do no harm to the surrounding community.

I think Field should be commended for the school's efforts to involve the community early in the design process. Such foresight and consideration have produced a plan for buildings, athletic facilities, and parking areas that contributes to a beautiful environment for the students, the faculty and parents, and is an asset to the local area.

The issue has been raised regarding the impact of the school on traffic patterns in the area. Although some increase in vehicle traffic attributable to the school is inevitable, I feel that the proposed plan to install signals at the intersections of Whitehaven Parkway and W Street will improve ingress and egress to and from the school, with no significant increase in traffic problems.

I have long known of the contribution of The Field School to the education of the young people of this City and urge that you approve their application.

Sincerely,

Louis R. Steadwell, Executive Director

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