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Sheila Cross Reid
Chairperson
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW
Second Floor
Washington DC 20001

Re: Case #16559, Application for the Field School
Foxhall Road NW (the former Cafritz Estate)

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing in support of the Field School's application for a zoning adjustment to move the school from its present location on Wyoming Avenue to 2301 Foxhall Road NW, the former Cafritz Estate. I am a native Washingtonian who moved away from the District when I was young but returned here to live in 1970. I lived for several years at 4481 MacArthur Blvd. and know the Palisades area well. Since 1976 I have lived with my family in Mount Pleasant. My son, a sophomore, has attended the Field School since seventh grade and I am president of the Field Parents Association.

Field School is currently housed in two townhouses on Wyoming Avenue in Kalorama, surrounded by residences and embassies. The school has an amazingly low impact on this neighborhood and we enjoy excellent relations with our many neighbors. It is important to remember that one of the hallmarks of Field is its small size. As the school moves into its 28th year, it continues to be firmly committed to staying small. The size of the school is a major factor in limiting impact on the neighborhood. Students and teachers learn cheek by jowl as they crowd into the existing school. We are at the bursting point. Our students deserve the opportunity to enjoy more space in which to learn. The Cafritz property provides the students with this opportunity. Just as Field has had a low impact on Kalorama, it will have low impact on Foxhall Road.

Field is a school that prides itself on solutions. We understand and appreciate the concerns of the neighborhood and have worked diligently to address them. The design of the new school leaves much of the property open. We have worked to preserve open, green spaces for everyone and create a beautiful environment for students, faculty and neighbors alike. The entire Field community has worked to find solutions to address concerns about traffic. Parents in particular are eager to find solutions for everyone and applaud the the elimination of left-hand turns during rush hour, the use of shuttle buses and other parts of the traffic plan.

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The are few things more important than the education of our children. The Field School makes a tremendous contribution to the metropolitan area by providing individualized, high-quality education for its students. The cramped quarters on Wyoming Avenue are beginning to interfere with education. A new facility on Foxhall Road would permit the students and faculty of the Field School to flourish. It would enrich the neighborhood and assure the preservation of a beautiful property.

I urge you to approve the Field School application.

Sincerely,

Louise C. Millikan
President
Field Parents Association