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Case 16559 Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for the Field School Foxhall Road, N.W. (the former Cafritz Estate)

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing in support of the Field School Application for a zoning adjustment to move the school which is presently on Wyoming Avenue to the former Cafritz Estate located on Foxhall Road. Shortly after I moved to Washington in 1972, I lived on Macarthur Blvd. and am familiar with the neighborhood in question. I believe that the property is an ideal setting for the Field School and that the school would represent an asset to the neighborhood. Field School is currently located in a residential neighborhood in two townhouses. The school has an amazingly low impact on the Wyoming Avenue neighborhood and gets along well with its many neighbors. I am convinced that the same would be true of the new Field School on Foxhall Road. One of the factors that makes this true is that Field is a small school and is committed to remaining that way. Each student knows every other student and every member of the faculty. The size of the school would be a major factor in limiting the impact on the neighborhood.

A related factor is that Field intends to build on relatively little of the property. Any other use of the property would likely represent a much greater visual impact on the neighborhood. Another potential concern is that the presence of a school on Foxhall Road would increase traffic congestion in the morning. While I am sure there would be some impact, the School has agreed to the stipulation that all Field traffic approach the school from the south, eliminating the need for left-hand turns and contributing nothing to the flow of morning southbound rush-hour traffic.

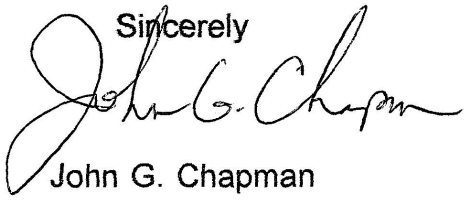
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Finally, as a parent and an educator, I would like to point out the tremendous contribution that Field School makes to the metropolitan area in terms of providing a highly individualized and extremely high-quality education to its students. Field is no longer able to operate in the cramped quarters on Wyoming Avenue and must seek larger quarters. The match between the needs of the Field School and the Cafritz property is perfect.

Please approve the Field School application.

Sincerely



John G. Chapman