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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid, Chair
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW
Washington, DC, 20001

Reference Case No. 16559 --The Field School

Dear Ms. Reid,

My husband, Michael White, and I are District homeowners living near Tenley Metro. I commute to Rosslyn via Foxhall Road on a regular basis. And our 14-year-old daughter, Eve Grossman White, is a freshman at The Field School.

Every time I drive down Foxhall and see the lovely Cafritz Estate I am thrilled to picture Eve completing her education on this spectacular campus. There is a view from the main house -- which Field is committed to preserving with care and filling with new life and vitality -- almost all the way to Capitol Hill, making this truly a Washington school.

The students and families who chose this urban school for a rigorous education, rather than fleeing the city for the suburbs, are committed to Washington's history and its future. No one in the school community wants traffic, noise, bright lights or disruptive scheduling to make our bright and caring students unwelcome. We will make excellent neighbors.

And believe me, I know exactly what it's like to be the neighbor of a school.

Alice Deal Junior High, which Eve left to attend Field, is directly out side our kitchen window, close enough for me to hear the PA announcements and pick up bags full of student trash that blows our way. The Metro buses unloading students on Nebraska Avenue block our driveway every morning. People attending school programs sometimes crowd out all the available parking for blocks. And boisterous students lingering at the bus stop make our dog do back flips.

Our family would never inflict such annoyance on others.

Neither would the Field School family -- where being a good urban citizen is part and parcel of the school ethos.

Great care has been taken to study, revise, study and revise again the traffic patterns to minimize volume, noise and inconvenience and maximize the safety of those who live and drive through the neighborhood. Our family and those we've met all intend to make maximum use of shuttle buses and car-pools to keep the Foxhall traffic flowing.

And once the campus is completed, the beautiful landscaping, tennis court and other play areas will be there for Foxhall neighbors to enjoy as well as Field students.

The families of Field respect and care about Washington. Please approve The Field School zoning. Let us show the Foxhall community what responsive and rewarding neighbors we can be.

Cordially,

Cathy Lynn Grossman

Cathy Lynn Grossman,
Field parent

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