MR. AND MRS. GEORGE L. HOOPER
3420 Legation Street, NW
Washington, DC 20015-1714
202/686-9250

March 22, 2000

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

'00 MAR 23 P2:22
OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ref: Case #16559 -- The Field School

Dear Ms. Reid:

It is our understanding that the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment will hear The Field School case on Wednesday, March 29th. This is to express our strong support for the school's move to the Cafritz property on Foxhall Road, NW.

As residents, employees and taxpayers in the District of Columbia for 38 years, we have appreciated the District government's dedicated efforts to balance citizen concerns and needs with those of governmental, institutional and business requirements. In this vien, we have observed that education-related entities have been afforded paramount consideration in many instances. To our knowledge, this favorable emphasis has always benefited the city at large and has resulted in long-term enhancement of the impacted neighborhoods. Likewise, in Field's case, the school has been an exemplary neighbor for more than 25 years in its current location and will continue to be so within the Foxhall Road community.

Field has diligently sought to develop a plan for the Cafritz premises that, while meeting the school's needs, would also provide an attractive complimentary facility in that upscale area. While the impact on traffic patterns seems to be the main issue for residents in the surrounding vicinity, respected consultants have proposed rational and realistic solutions to assure the increase in vehicles would have absolutely minimal effect. Further, Field officials have promised that whatever post-occupancy concern might arise for area residents, the school would move expeditiously to resolve the matter.

We are convinced the school's move would be of true benefit for everyone involved and, so, urge that you approve Field's application to occupy the Cafritz property.

Sincerely,

George L. Hooper

George L. Hooper

Cornelia L. Hooper

Cornelia L. Hooper

BZA
Case No. 16559
Exhibit No. 216

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16559
EXHIBIT NO.216