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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
District of Columbia Board of
Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street N.W., Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for The Field School Foxhall Road, NW (the Former Cafritz Estate) Case No. 16559

Dear Commissioner Reid

I am writing to express my strong support for an application presently pending before the Board by The Field School. The purpose of the application is to establish a private school on the site of the former Cafritz Estate. The case number is 16559.

I have been a citizen of the District of Columbia for more than 30 years. My family and I lived in the area that is directly affected by The Field School application for more than 27 years. My son attended the Horace Mann School which is located approximately five minutes from the former Cafritz estate and my daughter attended a school for seven years that was also located approximately five minutes from the Cafritz estate. I am therefore very familiar with the neighborhood in which the Cafritz estate is located. As a long-time resident of the area, I am also familiar with traffic patterns in the area and the concerns of the residents to preserve the character of this part of the city.

It is from that perspective that I strongly support the application of The Field School. It is, of course, true that the placement of any school in our community has some affect on the neighborhood. However, I believe that, on balance, the location of The Field School on the Cafritz estate will have an overall beneficial impact on the neighborhood and a strongly beneficial impact on our community. From the perspective of the neighborhood, the size of Cafritz estate, with which I am personally familiar, is certainly sufficiently large to accommodate the type of facility that The Field School proposes to locate on the grounds. There will be virtually no adverse impact on the neighborhood as a result of the activities The Field School will conduct.

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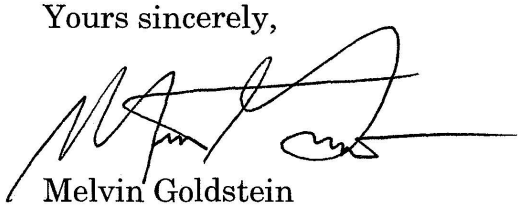
Insofar as noise and traffic problems are concerned, the impact will be very minimal. I have seen the plans that The Field School has developed to handle traffic. I believe that those plans will result in no adverse impact on the community. I know from personal experience that Foxhall Road and the surrounding streets will be able to accommodate the school without disrupting existing traffic patterns or the quality of the neighborhood.

Furthermore, The Field School has always been an admirable neighbor. It has reached out to the residents of the Kalorama area in which it is presently located and has reached out to the neighbors in the Foxhall Road area in order to address any concerns they might have. I know that Field will continue to reach out to the community.

I am certain that the Board shares the view that the education of our children is a paramount objective of our community. Retaining a high quality school, such as The Field School in our community and encouraging it to thrive is directly in line with that objective.

I, therefore, strongly urge the Board to approve The Field School's application.

Yours sincerely,



Melvin Goldstein