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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Subj: Application for the Field School, Foxhall Road, N.W.
(former Cafritz estate)
Case #16559

Dear Commissioner Reid:

We write in strong support of the application of the Field School to house a private school on the former Cafritz estate, on Foxhall Road, N.W. In the more than twenty years since we moved to the District of Columbia, schools have been an overriding issue among our friends. We have seen many fine families leave our parish church, our neighborhood, and the District over this issue. Keeping high-caliber schools like Field is in the best interests of the entire community.

Moreover, we believe the development plan the school has proposed will not lead to any objectionable conditions for its immediate neighbors or the surrounding community. The school has reached out to the community in designing entrances, buildings, and other facilities, producing a plan that will make the school on Foxhall Road a credit to the neighborhood as well as a beautiful and fruitful place for learning. The proposed changes are, in the best sense, improvements.

We have heard that there is concern in the community about the impact of the school on traffic patterns, and we understand it, because we grit our teeth every time we see the freeway ramp nearest to our home, now closed for repairs. Traffic issues affect us all, and we all react strongly to them. But the school's traffic management plan will meet the neighborhood's concerns, and the school is determined to be available to consult regularly with the community if further concerns arise.

Please do not let this opportunity pass by. Please approve the Field School's application. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

John H. Payne III

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