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Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for
The Field School Foxhall Road, NW
(the Former Cafritz Estate) Case #16559

Dear Commissioner Reid:

As a long-time District resident with a commitment to improving the resources available to our citizens, I am writing in support of the application of The Field School to relocate to the former Cafritz Estate located on Foxhall Road, NW. While this letter is an expression of my personal views, my service on the Executive Committee of the Woodley Park Community Association has given me an understanding of the issues and concerns involved in a school relocation.

Field has expended extensive time and effort formulating a development plan to achieve Field's successful integration with the Foxhall Road community. From the earliest stages of this process, Field has actively sought comments from and engagement with its prospective neighbors and, among other things, has conducted a thorough traffic study to assess and identify solutions to issues involving student travel to and from the proposed new location.

As important as the forgoing measures are, the most important component of any proposed relocation to a host neighborhood, including Field's proposed relocation, is that the relocating organization continue to cooperate with its neighbors in resolving the inevitable unforeseen issues that arise after the relocation. Here, Field

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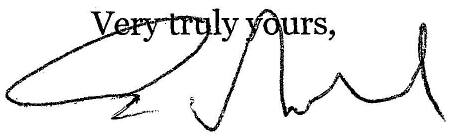
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has an outstanding record as a concerned neighbor – something which the Board of Zoning Adjustment will hear about from Field's current neighbors, including members of the Sheridan-Kalorama Neighborhood Association. This cooperative predisposition of Field, as much as its efforts to formulate a fair and workable development plan, is the key to Field's successful integration with the Foxhall Road community.

The proposed relocation is necessary for Field's continued health and growth as a high-quality college preparatory institution. This, in turn, is important to the District which needs secondary schools of ethnic, cultural and economic diversity that draw from all groups in the City. Such schools, and Field is one of a relatively small number located in the District, are important educational alternatives for District residents and should receive the same enthusiastic community support that schools have received in Woodley Park, on Capitol Hill and in other communities in the District.

I urge the Board to approve Field's application.

Very truly yours,



Anthony C.J. Nuland

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