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

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

Dear Commissioner Reid:

I wish to offer my strong support for the application of The Field School to establish a private school on the corner of the former Cafritz Estate located along Foxhall Road, NW. The Field School and Northwest Settlement House have worked together through its Work Internship Program. Their students have come to our day care program during the first two weeks of February to assist the staff in the running of the day care. They have helped the staff with arts 7 crafts, the serving of meals, nap time, field trips, and outdoor recreation. In every case we have had interns with bubbly personalities which caused the children to respond to them affectionately. They have been a very positive asset to the program, especially to the children, for they allow the children to get to know young people from different backgrounds and in most cases different races. This is very important for inner city children. And I am certain that the student interns get even more out of helping a community based organization like Northwest Settlement House.

In my dealings with the interns, I have concluded that The Field School is training some very competent young people who are interested in serving the larger Washington community. I have also concluded that the Faculty with whom I have interacted are dedicated professionals who care deeply about their students and direct them accordingly to care about others in the community less fortunate than they are.

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Because Northwest Settlement House has benefited so much from The Field School family, I firmly believe that keeping schools like The Field School in Washington is a plus for the entire community. I hope this letter in some small way helps their cause, and I hope that their application will be approved.

Sincerely,

Ronald R. Wilmore

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Executive Director