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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, N.W. (the Former Cafritz Estate) Case No. 16559

Dear Commissioner Reid:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong support for the application of The Field School to establish a private school on the former Cafritz Estate located along Foxhall Road, N.W. Although I do not live in the neighborhood (I am the father of a Field School graduate) I believe that the development plan proposed by The Field School, after reviewing it, asking questions and driving the area, will create no objectionable conditions to the surrounding community and will not create any detrimental impact on the immediate neighbors of the site.

As I understand it, The Field School has taken many steps in reaching out to the community early in the design process of the school buildings, athletic facilities and location of the entrances to the School and parking spaces. The end result is a plan that I believe is an asset to the surrounding neighborhood, and an ideal use of the Property for a most important purpose---education.

It is my understanding that traffic experts, in cooperation with Field School representatives, have created a plan to alleviate traffic problems in the area. (I know that the Field School cooperated with the neighbors to alleviate any problems that might arise).

As an attorney, I have been involved, professionally, in many similar situations such as this, and have found that sometimes emotions exceed the actuality of the situation---and are subsequently found to be unwarranted. I believe that

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keeping high caliber schools like Field is in the best interests of the entire community and should be encouraged. I appreciate your attention to this letter, and I ask that you approve The Field School's application.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Wedren

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