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Sheila Cross Reid
Chairperson
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441 4th Street NW–Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

March 24, 2000

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application for THE FIELD SCHOOL, Foxhall Road NW (the former Cafritz Estate) Case #16559

Dear Sheila Cross Reid,

I am writing in strong support for the application of The Field School to establish a private school on the former Cafritz Estate located along Foxhall Road.

I have served to direct a Work Internship at The Field School, have otherwise been associated with The Field School for three years now, and my daughter will start attending The Field School in September, 2000.

It is my direct experience that the students and faculty at The Field School maintain the highest level of community awareness, dignity and sensitivity. Besides being a decisively strong academic environment, it is an equally impressive ethical environment–that is to say, empathy is at the heart of practical application of knowledge. I am firm in my belief that students and faculty at The Field School will make every possible effort to work with their new neighbors on Foxhall Road, to assure a productive, safe, vigilant and honest relationship, with open dialogue and respect at the heart of it.

The many many Field School students and parents I have spoken with on this issue have expressed stalwart concern that the Foxhall Road community know how being in residence at the former Cafritz Estate would mean that all their clear ethical and altogether common sense attitudes will be at work from day one.

It is without hesitation and with absolute conviction of purpose and honesty that I whole-heartedly encourage you to approve The Field School application.

Elizabeth Ely, the school's director, has been a remarkable example of intellegent, caring, and sensitive dedication to young people's lives, thinking, and actions. She first and foremost wishes this relocation to be a centerpiece of community cooperation and harmony, whatever work

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that takes. I have every possible confidence in her—and the student's and faculty's—desire and intention to be the best possible of neighbors.

Best wishes,
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