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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 - 4th Street, NW, 2nd floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application of The Field School
(Case #16559)

Dear Commissioner Reid:

I am writing in support of The Field School application to establish a private school on the former Cafritz Estate, located on Foxhall Road, NW. I have studied the plans for the school, and have read the detailed "Transportation Management Plan" and believe the school has satisfied to the best of their ability the concerns of the residents of the neighborhood with regard to possible traffic congestion along Foxhall Road.

I understand the feelings of the neighbors that yet another school is "taking over" the area adding to the traffic congestion. After fighting the George Washington University takeover of Mount Vernon College, and watching the Lab School explode with their new buildings, people are feeling helpless and frustrated at the potential traffic problems. However, I feel that the Field School has made a genuine attempt to minimize any disruption of traffic along Foxhall Road with the following concessions:

(1) There will be staggered arrivals, with 7th and 8th graders arriving at 8:00 a.m., and 9th-12th graders at 8:20. Faculty will be required to arrive by 7:30 a.m.

(2) Left turns by private vehicles ontot he property from Foxhall Road will only be permitted at the north end of the campus during non-rush hours. Only shuttle buses which will pick up students at remote off campus stops including Foggy Bottom and Tenley Metro stations will be permitted to turn into the campus during rush hour (7:30-9:00 a.m.) and only under supervision of a traffic control officer during that time. The proposed traffic light at Whitehaven should allow a break in traffic for that purpose. The school would like to build a third lane there if the city will permit it.

(3) All traffic going north on Foxhall will make right turns onto the property, and all exits from the campus will be from the north entrance and will be required to turn right onto Foxhall.

(4) No faculty or students will be permitted to park on side streets in the neighborhood. This will be strictly enforced with disciplinary measures to include suspension for infractions.

I think Field School will prove to be a good neighbor and will retain the open spaces of the property which are important to the neighborhood. They have agreed to meet quarterly with the neighborhood to address any traffic issues that may arise.

Sincerely,

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