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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
District of Columbia Board of
Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, 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:

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, NW. I have been associated with Field through its Work Internship Program. During the first two weeks of February, Field students take internships with businesses, school is, governmental agencies, arts and science organizations, and community organizations throughout the City. Through this program, students are exposed to a variety of real life experiences in working environments, learn responsibility, gain insight into cooperation and community involvement, and give back to their community.

Field is the kind of school in which we in the District of Columbia can take pride. They are producing well-educated young people who have been integrated into the community and understand their involvement in the wider world. Their students are of the highest caliber of young people. My experiences in working with them have been totally positive.

My experience with the Field faculty and staff has also been excellent. They are people of integrity who make every effort to be flexible and provide a personalized approach to solving problems. I have every reason to believe that they will be good neighbors and work with the neighborhood to solve any problems that might arise.

As an organization in the District of Columbia, I believe that keeping high quality schools like Field is in the best interests of the entire community arid should be encouraged. I appreciate your attention to this letter, and I ask that you approve The Field School's application.

Sincerely,

José M. Neistem

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Executive Director

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