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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

re: ID # 16559 - Field School

Dear Mrs. Cross,

I am writing to oppose the purchasing of the Calfitz's property on Foxhall road by the Field School. This two lane road is windy and has several blind spots. One near this property. I know of several accidents in recent years on Foxhall Road What studies have been made to address these accidents and improve driving conditions there?

This country road is heavily traveled by commuters consistently. It is a connector between Virginia and Bethesda. It is a north/south corridor such as Wisconsin Ave. and Connecticut Ave., but because it has only two lanes I believe it is at it's capacity. It now serves 11 schools that I can count quickly, The Lab school, Metropolitan Methodist , GWU , St. Patrick's School, the Lab School, Our Lady of Victory, the River School, Georgetown Day School, Rock Creek International, Horace Mann and American University. I think we have our share of neighborhood schools.

Foxhall Road is already very busy. Because there is no shoulder to pull-off on, traffic stops whenever a postal or laundry truck or a utility vechile needs to stop for business. With all of the "no left turn "signs in the morning, Foxhall Road is always backed up for blocks with the a.m. commuters. As I understand it, Field School students, those not on the buses, will either join this line or begin traveling into the neighborhood communities and turning around in private driveways.

How can this congested residential area support, yet another large school. A school with no cafeteria, and varied after school activities ,where young drivers and parents will be coming to the school both days and evenings. I don't understand why a school, which has a "city feel" would be coming to a campus that has no public access to transportation. As the parent of three 20 year olds I cannot see high school age students, agreeing to being bussed to and from school . Buses have definite schedule, both morning and afternoon. Many of these pupils would be treated as if they were of elementary school age .

I am worried that once Field School is here and a congestion problem proves to be deadly it will be to late. The School will then open several entrances and we will have additional students throughout our small neighborhood I hope the committee finds Field School an unsafe burden to this community.

Thank you,

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