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Ms. Sheila Cross Reed
DC Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

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Dear Ms. Cross Reed,

I wish to write a letter of support for the Field School to be coming into the Palisades community. It is an outstanding educational organization, superbly administered by excellent Director, Elizabeth Ely, whose students seem to go onto very good colleges and graduate programs. I think Field School will add to the quality of the neighborhood. The students are well brought up and well behaved young people who are schooled to give public service and to care about their neighborhood and help it prosper. I have hired Field School graduates who went on to obtain their Master's Degree in Special Education, and they have all been extremely conscientious, responsible and creative young people.

It would be a great pity to see the District of Columbia lose this valuable resource since Field School will locate in one of the counties if they don't receive zoning approval. I know that Ms. Ely has been looking for an appropriate environment for Field School for a number of years and feels that the Cafritz property is just what fits all of their dreams.

I hope the Zoning Board will approve the existence of the Field School in this neighborhood, which will let them chase their dreams and become a pride of this wonderful neighborhood.

Sincerely,

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