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Re: Case No. 16559 - The Field School - Special Exception

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to oppose the above referenced application of The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation/The Field School for a special exception to establish a private school for a maximum of 320 students and 74 faculty and staff in the R-1-A District at the premises 2301 Foxhall Road, N.W.

The proposed use would cause even more severe vehicular congestion, render residential streets and commuter thoroughfares more unsafe, create permanent environment impacts, and finally saturate the neighborhood with schools. The result would be to reduce the level of service of the adjacent streets, create gridlock on Foxhall Road in rush hour, diminish the quality of the neighborhood, and remove from the city's tax base a large residential tract of land.

Traffic on Foxhall Road is already seriously congested. The additional accommodation of as many as 320 vehicular turns (by The Field School's own traffic estimate) into and out of the proposed school each morning cannot be reasonably and safely accommodated.

Furthermore, the plans filed with the BZA entail major disturbances to the natural land and locate driveways and parking lots next to the private residences on W Street. This will likely result in negative permanent ecological impacts and the emission of dangerous fumes from vehicles idling in car pool queues toward the adjacent homes. The closest home is an authenticated historic farm house willed to the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

For the above stated reasons, I urge rejection of this application.

Sincerely,

John B. Denniston

cc: Katherine Patterson
Council of the District of Columbia
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