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To: BZA Commissioners and any others concerned
Sheila Cross Reid
Robert Sockwell
Anne Renshaw
Rodney Moulden
John Parsons
Re: Field School application for variance to build on Cafritz Estate on Foxhall Road Case No. 16559

The reason for this letter is to make sure that everyone involved in the application by the Field School to build a new school on the Cafritz Estate knows what I observed and heard in the hallway when I prepared to leave the hearing at 3:15 pm on May 10, 2000.

Shortly before 3 pm three Field School students arrived at the hearing. After they sat down Mr. Clay Kaufman, a teacher/administrator of the Field School, tapped and beckoned them to follow him into the hallway. A few minutes after that I left the hearing room, and what I heard and observed near the elevators is the reason for this letter.

Mr. Kaufman was coaching and drilling these three students on exactly what to say to the hearing: that they would be coming to school daily by public transportation and Field School van. He was waving his arms and pointing his fingers at the children to rehearse their lines, telling them that to say they would come to school every day by the above mode of transportation was crucial to their school's winning the case.

In view of this episode should we all believe in the credibility of the Field School's information as given?

Sincerely,

Gael S. Arnold

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