July 24, 2000

Sheila Cross Reid, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 - 4th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Field School BZA Application
No. 16559

Dear Chairperson Reid:

Attached is a statement from some of the supporters of the Field School Application to occuply the Cafritz estate on Foxhall Road.

We hope you will consider the fact that there are many longtime contiguous neighbors of the school who are satisfied that their concerns have been resolved.

Sincerely,

Molly W. Tully
Gloria Kreisman
(see attached for additional supporters)

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF FIELD SCHOOL APPLICATION #16559

It seems nothing will satisfy the opponents of the Field School. In response to the concerns of the "Neighbors Against Gridlock" the school drew up a plan to alleviate any possible congestion caused by vehicles entering and leaving the school property. They staggered the hours of arrival of students over a two hour period; they agreed to build a third lane using their own property and at their expense to avoid interfering with commuter traffic; they prohibited parking in the neighborhood by students and faculty with disciplinary consequences including suspension.

At the hearing in May a private lawyer hired by a few wealthy and determined opponents spent hours cross examining the Field School lawyer and traffic consultant with questions the answers to which could not possibly be determined until they know the number of students arriving by car and the number to be picked up at remote sites and brought in by van. The opponents succeeded in prolonging the proceedings so that the supporters could not be heard and the hearing was continued to July. In the interim the DPW imposed new requirements which moved the entrance and exit further south The DPW is satisfied that this new arrangement meets any safety concerns, but the opponents are still not satisfied. In effect the school has made every effort to accommodate the concerns of the neighborhood, but the opposition has not dealt with the school in good faith.

It is true that the area has more than its share of schools, and the recent battle over GW's expansion onto the Mount Vernon campus has understandably left a lot of residents wary of one more school. Nevertheless this property is ideally suited for a campus of 212 pupils (possibly to increase to 320 maximum) and will retain the open spaces of irreplaceable value to the community. Field School will be a good neighbor and continue to meet with resident groups to work out any problems. Despite the wishes of longtime residents a large unoccupied estate cannot be maintained. The Field School represents the finest alternative for the immediate neighborhood and the city.

Signed by Concerned Neighborhood Residents

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