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OFFICE OF ZONING
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ms. Jerrily R. Kress
Director
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: CASE NUMBER 16559

Dear Ms. Kress:

As a resident of the Foxhall Road area since 1976, I write to oppose the above referenced application of The Field School for a special exception to establish a private school in the R-1-A district at 2301 Foxhall Road, N.W.

The proposed school would cause nearby residential streets (Garfield, Edmonds, Dexter, Foxhall Crescent, and W, and Whitehaven Parkway) and a major commuter thoroughfare (Foxhall Road) to become more congested, more dangerous, and diminish the quality of life for neighbors near the property. I also point out that there are 5 educational institutions within a half-mile of the proposed Field School site: George Washington University/Mt. Vernon College campus, St. Patrick's School, The Lab School, Our Lady of Victory School, and the Rock Creek International School.

Traffic on Foxhall Road is already seriously congested: the addition of 320 cars, by the School's own estimate, entering/exiting the property at a curve in the road (opposite the residence of the Belgian Ambassador and across and down, maybe 50 feet, from an under-construction building rumored to be the residence of another foreign ambassador) twice each day during the school year will severely impact existing vehicular traffic. For the School to have its traffic consultant perform a traffic impact study during the 1999 spring/Easter break period (when most private schools in the affected area were not in session) was/is unrealistic.

How will the Field School and the Police handle the many more cars that will enter/park/exit the proposed school site when there are athletic and social activities during the afternoon/evening rush hour? How will the Police and the school handle traffic when one or both of the ambassadorial residences is having a function and so is the school?

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Traffic on Foxhall Road is already dangerous: relocation of The Field School to Foxhall Road will increase the chances for pedestrian and vehicle accidents because traffic signage and lack of road markings going north on Foxhall Road are inadequate from the intersection with Reservoir Road (residence of the German Ambassador), to the left turn on to Whitehaven Parkway (where Foxhall Road narrows to one lane for those continuing north on Foxhall Road). Daily, this stretch of road is "an accident waiting to happen." Going south on Foxhall Road, after Foxhall Crescent, is dangerous because of the number of cars coming around the bend on Foxhall Road, after the proposed entrance/exit to the school, to turn right on to W Street.

Because there are no adequate sidewalks on either side of Foxhall Road, the increased traffic from cars entering and exiting the proposed site will further endanger the life of anyone who uses Foxhall Road for jogging or pleasure walking, or must use the bus stops at Foxhall Road/Nebraska Avenue and Foxhall Road/Reservoir Road.

Neighborhood residents, the Mayor, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, the Department of Public Works, and the Police and Fire Departments must come to agreement on whether Foxhall Road is an essential artery to the movement of traffic or a residential street, and what can be done to make Foxhall Road safer, while avoiding more gridlock for local residents and commuters. The Field School should not be allowed to relocate to the Foxhall Road site until the concerns of those affected have been adequately addressed.

I urge rejection of this application.

Sincerely,

Judy B. Scanlon

cc: Ms. Katherine Patterson
City Council