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Re: *Board of Zoning Adjustment Application of the Field School Regarding the Former Cafritz Estate Property on Foxhall Road*

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment Commissioners:

We are writing to express our strong ***support*** for the Field School's application to establish a private school on the former Cafritz Estate property on Foxhall Road. As homeowners whose property adjoins the rear of the neighboring (Kreeger) property, we have a substantial interest in the future of the Cafritz property. Based on our interactions with the Field School directors and staff, our knowledge of the Field School's reputation and educational philosophy, and our review of the Field School's plans for development of the Cafritz property, we are convinced that the Field School is an ideal purchaser for the Cafritz tract. The Field School has made extraordinary efforts to keep the neighborhood apprised of its plans and to accommodate all of the competing interests, including, importantly, retaining the character of the Archibald-Glover Park area by agreeing not to allow access to the school from 44th Street. In addition, as a review of its plans will reveal, the school has undertaken to minimize congestion and ensure pedestrian and motor vehicle safety on Foxhall Road during rush hours. The school also has expressed a commitment to becoming integrated with the neighborhood by affording neighbors liberal access to its facilities.

Given the importance of education, we find it more than a little ironic that opponents of the Field School are acting as if someone has proposed to put a landfill on the property. In our view, it is far better to approve zoning for a school with the reputation of Field than to add still another embassy or housing development. Accordingly, we strongly urge the Board to approve the Field School's application.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely yours,

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