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

Dear Ms. Reid:

I write in opposition to the application for a special exception for the Field School to occupy the property at 2301 Foxhall Road N.W. I understand that your office will hold a hearing on this matter on March 15, 2000.

The increased traffic that will be generated by a school at this location where there is no public transportation nearby will cause serious disruptions on Foxhall Road and on adjoining neighborhood streets. Solutions being offered by the Field School to avoid left turns into the property from the north would flood the residential areas west of Foxhall Road with traffic. A round-about route via 49th Street reaching down to MacArthur Boulevard and Whitehaven Parkway so as to reach the property on Foxhall Road from the south will not solve the problem. The early morning MacArthur Boulevard traffic heading to Georgetown Hospital and to Canal Road is already bumper to bumper. In addition, there is strong neighborhood opposition to the installation of a traffic signal at W Street and Foxhall Road near the proposed site of the school.

I understand from traffic engineers that 17,000 cars travel on Foxhall Road every day. Adding the Field School vehicles turning in and out twice a day is an invitation to more gridlock and raises safety concerns as well.

It is very difficult to oppose a school's plans to move and expand. Especially since the neighborhood already welcomes seven other schools relatively close to the Field School's proposed site. The problem is that this area has been fully developed as far as schools and colleges are concerned. It is going to be pressured even more in the future as major expansion plans such as those already approved for George Washington's campus at the old Mount Vernon College site are developed in the next few years.

I urge the application for a special exception be denied.

Sincerely,

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