VIRGINIA RIEHL

January 22, 2001

Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Application # 16611

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in support of the Edmund Burke School application to build an addition to its current facility at 2955 Upton Street NW. As a parent of an Edmund Burke student I have supported the School's efforts to improve traffic flow and reduce parking pressures in the area around the building. This has required an investment in the hiring of police officers to direct traffic, implementing new policies on parking, and procuring additional off-site parking spaces. In addition the school has made significant changes to the original design of the addition in order to further reduce the pressure of traffic on Upton Street. I believe that the traffic flow associated with the new building will reduce congestion on Upton. If the new construction is blocked the neighborhood will continue to have the current congestion with no potential for any significant improvements.

Edmund Burke School is an asset to the community. The school is committed to providing an education in an urban setting where students can use public transportation and come to experience and appreciate the value of Washington's diverse population and rich culture. Edmund Burke also fosters in its students a commitment to serving the community and behaving as a responsible member of society. The school supports numerous community service activities, such as documenting the oral histories of the residents of retirement communities, cleaning up parks and streams, and raising $5,000 to support food distribution to needy families. These activities are intended to build the active and responsible citizens who will bring energy and commitment to Washington, DC community. Finally, the Edmund Burke School has since its inception been committed to ensuring that its students and faculty are representative of multi-cultural population of the city where we are located.

I hope you will also consider the value that the Edmund Burke School brings to Washington, DC and the commitment it has shown to considering the needs of the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Virginia Riehl

Virginia Riehl

BZA
Case No. 16611
Exhibit No. 107

1726 LAMONT STREET NW • WASHINGTON, DC • 20010-2602
PHONE: 202.332.6849 • FAX: 202.332.7075

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16611
EXHIBIT NO.107