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RE: Application # 16611

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to express our support for the proposed expansion of the Edmund Burke School campus at Upton Street and Connecticut Avenue NW.

We have been involved with the school since 1980, when Mrs. Charny moved to the District to become a member of the faculty. Although we subsequently moved from the area, we have recently returned from overseas and *chose to live in the District once again expressly so that our children could attend Burke.*

In fact, it is Burke's location as well as its spirit that especially appeals to us; we consider urban living an enormous advantage and it is our particular preference. A school of Burke's caliber is one of the factors which led us to live in the District. The school's proximity to the Metro is an enormous convenience - our children take public transportation to and from the school and its activities; it is very rare that we drive to the school.

More importantly, it is particularly Burke's *spirit* of support for the urban environment which is one of its best features. The school has always actively promoted awareness of and appreciation for its local environment; its students are enriched not only by taking advantage of local resources but also by participating in local clean-up days as well. Burke's current program of community service learning and its larger parent community initiatives also interact with and provide enormous support for local institutions.

In this spirit, the school has been open and receptive to neighborhood concerns and flexible in offering solutions and compromises. We believe its most recent plan will address very effectively the traffic concerns of its neighbors, while allowing the school to enrich its program and teaching space, supporting what has, in effect, always been and continues to be a very fine local institution.

We urge the Board to give its approval to the Edmund Burke School application.

Sincerely yours,

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