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District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA Application Case No. 16611:
Proposed Edmund Burke School Expansion

Dear Board Members:

As long-time District residents (since '72) and parents of a Burke graduate, we are writing to support the Edmund Burke School proposed expansion.

Our daughter, Nina Gregg, graduated from Burke in 1999 and is now a sophomore at Dickinson College where she was awarded a four-year scholarship. She attended Burke starting in the ninth grade and had a wonderful four years there. Burke offers its students an excellent education and is also that rare thing among high schools: a clique-free school. Burke is a genuinely friendly school where new students do not have to fit a particular mold. It really values the individual. It is also a richly diverse school.

When Nina was in the ninth grade, Burke was starting to have a waiting list. Certainly that increased substantially in the next four years. There simply is a lot of demand for openings in schools like Burke and if they are not allowed to expand, even modestly, they have no choice but to locate in the suburbs, to the detriment of those of us who live in the District. The District should try to hold on to schools like Edmund Burke.

As far as traffic goes, I should say some traffic congestion is to be expected when children are dropped off at any school. At Burke, this seemed to be a short-lived situation in the morning only; there were few cars in the afternoon. I drove our daughter to school but she took Metro and bus home.

We hope the Board will approve the Burke application.

Sincerely,

Tom Gregg
Diana Gregg

Tom and Diana Gregg
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