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Re: BZA App. Case No. 16611: Proposed expansion for Edmund Burke School

Dear Sirs and Madams:

This letter is being sent to express my support for the application submitted by the Edmund Burke School to obtain a zoning adjustment in order to build an addition to the existing school. I have lived in the District for nearly 24 years, and urge you to approve this application.

My youngest son attends Burke. I have two other children, both of whom attended schools in the District of Columbia, at Lafayette Elementary School, Alice Deal Junior High School, Gonzaga College High School and the Field School. The District can be proud of its schools -- both those part of the public school system as well as the private schools that reside within the District and improve the quality of living for all members of the community. The District should continue this strong tradition by giving schools such as Burke the necessary support, including the zoning adjustment required.

It is frankly surprising to me that there has been any controversy. The location involved is primarily commercial, and is also home to Howard University School of Law and UDC. Thus the normal bustle of city life is already well established, and I had thought welcomed. The school has also worked very hard with the community to accommodate their concerns over traffic flow.

Given the broader problems our community and world confront, I believe children should be our top priority.

Please support the application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sue D. Blumenfeld

cc: Councilmember Kathy Patterson
David Shapiro, Edmund Burke School

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