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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 Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of the above referenced application.

I have two children in school in the District. One at Edmund Burke and one at School Without Walls, a District public school. Both are good schools, and the District benefits by having both. Edmund Burke is not only a school but also a business that brings tax revenue to the District and commercial revenue to the merchants in the neighborhood. Burke and schools like it encourage families to remain in the District and raise and educate their children here.

The planned Burke expansion is vital to the future of the school. Certain neighbors of the school oppose the planned expansion. The school, however, has taken more than sufficient steps to address the concerns of its neighbors. It has added off-street parking; it has hired an off-duty police officer to monitor and direct traffic; it has eliminated revenue producing events that draw traffic to Upton Street, and it has modified the planned expansion to provide additional off-street parking. It is not clear that anything, short of abandoning the planned expansion, would make the neighbors happy.

I hope that you will give favorable consideration to Edmund Burke's application.

Sincerely Yours,

Nancy A. Nord

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Exhibit No. 133

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