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District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St., N.W.
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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 am a Ward 3 resident whose child goes to Edmund Burke School. Edmund Burke is good for my child, good for Ward 3, and good for the District. I both pay taxes to the District and tuition to Edmund Burke. 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. I know that some of the school's neighbors have addressed their opposition to you over that 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.

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

Sincerely Yours,

James S. Halpern

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Exhibit No. 134

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