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Board of Zoning Adjustments
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Re: Case Number 16611

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to urge your support for the proposed expansion of the Edmund Burke School. As members of Ward 3 for over twenty years, we find the Burke community to be one of the most responsive to the needs of the community at large as well as to its students. Burke is unique in that it not only offers its students a first class education, it provides a positive image of the District of Columbia through its community service programs and attention to diversity. The District is well served by the presence of the school as evidenced by the active participation of the school community in activities of the District, the many awards received by students and faculty, the selective colleges and universities interested in Burke graduates, and the revenues they add to the city through payroll tax and support of local merchants.

We understand that traffic concerns are probably the biggest issue concerning the expansion. Our son has attended Burke for four years and is graduating this spring. Prior to high school, he attended the Janney Elementary School on Albemarle Street. For us, the traffic dropping him off every morning at Burke is much less congested than the traffic build-up every morning on Albemarle Street. Burke has directed its parents to be responsive to the concerns of neighbors - advising us on preferred traffic patterns, planting community flower gardens, and hiring off-duty police officers to direct traffic during drop-off and pick-up times. This is at no cost to the city, unlike any traffic mitigation required by a public institution.

We understand that neighbors are currently frustrated about the traffic situation that currently exists. We are confident that the expansion of the school will include a traffic pattern that will improve the existing situation. If there is no expansion, the current traffic problems will continue.

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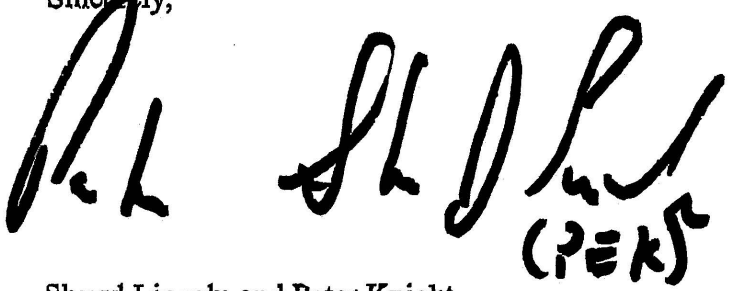
It would be a shame for the city to lose the chance to enhance any of its educational institutions. As District taxpayers, we did not take lightly the decision to send our son to private school. We recognize that our tax dollars support a school system that we do not use.

We would like the District government to recognize, however, that private schools are important members of the District community and should be nurtured and supported where reasonable and practicable. Many people wishing to move back into the District may want the opportunity to send their children to a neighborhood, private school. As anyone can tell you who has looked at admissions to any of the private schools in Ward 3, there is a crying need for more educational capacity.

We are sure that the Burke community will work with residents to mitigate traffic concerns. This is one of those opportunities to add positive value to the District and come up with a win-win situation. We would hate to see the District lose sight of the chance to keep residents in the City by increasing educational opportunities.

We would be happy to provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,



Sheryl Lincoln and Peter Knight
Ward 3 Residents

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