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District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth St. NW Room 210
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Re: BZA Case no. 16611, Proposed Edmund Burke School Expansion

Dear Board Members:

I am writing in strong support of Edmund Burke School's application for a zoning adjustment to build an addition to their existing school building. My husband and I are Ward Three residents of the District and have a son who has been at Edmund Burke since 7th grade and is currently a senior. We also have a son who graduated from the school in 1996 and a daughter who graduated in 1993.

My husband and I have lived in Ward Three of the District of Columbia for 32 years and have been very happy with the educational options provided our children – including Stoddert Elementary School and particularly Edmund Burke School. Our three children have different abilities and different personalities, and Burke was able to accommodate each one and meet their individual learning needs. They all grew and blossomed in an educationally focused nurturing environment.

I, of course, have been speaking on behalf of my own children. But Edmund Burke has been an outstanding school and a wonderful resource for this community. In addition to its excellent academic programs and its wide range of extracurricular activities, it has a strong commitment to community service, financial aid, and a diverse student body.

I understand that the residents on Upton St. are concerned about possible increased traffic problems with the new addition. I think the school has already shown a commitment to work with the residents by making accommodations such as having off-site parking for their vans, hiring off-duty police officers to direct traffic during drop-off and pick-up times, and prohibiting students or faculty from parking on restricted sections of Upton St. It also has a comprehensive plan to improve parking and traffic with the proposed expansion. I believe the Board of Zoning is aware of this plan.

The proposed expansion of Edmund Burke School is primarily to increase space and improve the facility. It allows for only a slight increase in the number of students. To deny this expansion would not only hurt Burke and its students, but the community it serves.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Hunt
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