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District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W. Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re. BZA Application Case No. 16611
Proposed Edmund Burke School
Variance

Dear Board Members:

We are writing to support the proposed variance in the above-captioned case and to urge the Board to approve the expansion sought by Edmund Burke School.

We have been residents of the District of Columbia for over twenty years. Our son is currently an 8th grade student at Edmund Burke. We have an older son attending Woodrow Wilson HS in the District. Burke School is an important part of our city and its educational community. The expansion sought by the school is exceedingly modest compared to many variances that have come before the Board in recent years. Further, it is simply a reality of our times that good schools, such as Edmund Burke School, often find themselves needing more space to accommodate their educational mission. To that end, the variance seeks to build additional space near Connecticut Ave—away from the residential neighborhood along Upton Street.

Edmund Burke School has long worked with the surrounding neighborhood to alleviate issues—such as drop-off and pick-up of students—and, indeed, has devised plans to improve traffic flow in this instance. The proposed expansion will include additional parking spaces and will serve to reduce congestion along Upton Street.

We strongly believe that approval of the proposed variance is consistent with prior decisions of the Board and serves the community interest.

We urge your approval and thank you for your consideration to this matter,

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