If you think education is expensive, try ignorance. Derek Bok

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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment suite 210
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re: application no. 16611:
Edmund Burke School, Connecticut Ave. and Upton St., N.W.

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Dear BZA,

We're for the proposed addition to the Edmund Burke School.

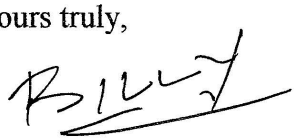
I retired from architecture to be an active parent. Part of that job included being an activist for the public schools of D.C. Testifying to the Mayor and Council I met Delabian Rice-Thurston and Kathy Patterson. One conviction that I developed was nothing is more important to our future than the education of our kids.
One big reason we stay in the city is because Burke is here.

You will hear other people testify about how Burke contributes to maintaining and growing our tax base and how the proposed expansion significantly relieves the traffic on Upton which, as an architect registered in D.C., I can back up.
But, I'm interested in the quality of life in our city. Present and future. Schools add to the vibrancy of neighborhoods and cities. Burke, particularly under the leadership of David Shapiro (and our students) does so with a passion.

At Edmund Burke we have a real commitment to diversity. Burke actively works at generating community and more importantly works to strengthen ties between different types of people. From poetry slams to volunteering at D.C. Central Kitchen to real, committed minority recruitment of students and faculty.
It's a big reason why we go to Burke.
This supports D.C.'s commitment to retaining and attracting families.

The Edmund Burke School contributes to the vitality of our city.
Please continue to show your leadership of our city.
Continue to encourage our children flourish.
Encourage Continue to encourage Washington, D.C. flourish.

Yours truly,



William Eric Sahm, architect
c. Kathy Patterson

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Exhibit No. 155

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