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Board of Zoning Adjustment
for the District of Columbia
441 4th Street NW
Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Board of Zoning Adjustment Application No. 16611, Edmund Burke School

Dear Members of the Board: At a May 15, 2001, hearing the Edmund Burke School submitted a substantially revised Traffic Management Plan in support of Application 16611, request for a special exception for a private school. In a May 21 memorandum Mr. Ken Laden of DPW reported to the Board that

> there is no way, at this time, to determine whether these proposed measures will be effective in the near-term or long-term. Therefore, the Department recommends a one year demonstration of the effectiveness of these proposed transportation mitigation measures before the application is approved.

On June 18, 2001, at a duly noticed meeting with a quorum present ANC 3F considered the revised traffic management plan and the DPW recommendation for a one year demonstration. ANC 3F voted unanimously, five in favor, none opposed, one recused, to support DPW's proposed one year demonstration of the effectiveness of the Burke School's revised traffic management plan. We urge the Board of Zoning Adjustment to support the one year demonstration recommended by DPW and endorsed by ANC 3F.

ANC 3F Commissioners have encouraged Burke School officials to make greater use of mass transit for its students and faculty and to develop other methods for providing relief from school generated traffic. The Burke School is located two and a half blocks from the Van Ness Metro station and has access to a number of Metro bus lines that run along Connecticut Avenue. Given its urban location and proximity to mass transit, our ANC believes very strongly that the Burke School should do more to encourage use of public transportation by its students and faculty to and alleviate traffic problems on our residential streets.

Elements of the revised Traffic Management Plan would expand transit subsidies to students living in Maryland and Virginia; implement morning shuttle service to enable off-site parent drop off of Burke students; encourage use of the Van Ness Metro Station as a student drop off site; and require that parents sign a pledge of compliance with the plan. These are all positive proposals but at this point they are untested concepts. Our neighborhood needs concrete assurances that the results promised by the revised plan can be delivered. In this regard our ANC agrees with DPW that the best way to do this is with a one year demonstration. This would provide an opportunity to evaluate the various elements of the proposal and obtain evidence about their impacts before final decisions are made regarding Application 16611.

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We believe that a demonstration set up under existing conditions would provide a valid test of the effectiveness of the revised plan. In fact, DPW staff have agreed to lend expertise and resources to assist in setting up the demonstration and in monitoring performance.

The Board has already heard compelling testimony from neighbors and has received ANC 3F's report documenting the intensity of institutional uses in our neighborhood that has over saturated our residential streets with traffic. In fact, the survival of our neighborhood rests on our ability to limit and reduce the high volume of traffic that flows on these residential streets. Previous plans proposed by the Burke School would have increased these volumes. We need to be certain that the current proposal would not have the same effect. For this reason we strongly encourage the Board to support a one year demonstration of the revised traffic management plan.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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ANC3F RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A TEST OF THE EDMUND BURKE SCHOOL REVISED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F
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WHEREAS: At a May 15, 2001, hearing before the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) the Edmund Burke School submitted a revised Transportation Management Plan (TMP) in support of Application 16611 which proposes an addition to the existing school; and

WHEREAS: The Office of Transportation Planning, Department of Public Works (DPW) on May 21, 2001, recommended a one year demonstration of the effectiveness of the revised TMP; and

WHEREAS: DPW has the capacity and expertise to implement, manage, and monitor such a one year demonstration;

Therefore Be it Resolved That: ANC 3F supports DPW's proposed one year demonstration of the effectiveness of the Edmund Burke School's revised Traffic Management Plan; and

Therefore Be it Further Resolved That: DPW be requested to implement, manage and monitor the one year demonstration.

Approved by a vote 5-0-0 at a duly noticed meeting on June 18, 2001 with a quorum present. Commissioner Bardin recused from consideration and vote.

David J. Bardin, Chair

Robert Maudlin, Secretary