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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th St. NW, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Application 16611
Edmund Burke School

Dear Board Members:

The Van Ness East Condominium Association wishes to bring to the attention of Board of Zoning Adjustment the fact that the Edmund Burke School located at 2955 Upton Street has been in violation of BZA Order No. 13986 related to the number of staff members and students they are permitted.

According to a statement made by a school official at a community meeting last fall, Burke had 299 students enrolled and 59 teachers on staff during the school year that just ended. BZA Order No. 13986 says that Burke is allowed a maximum of 270 students and 35 staff members including teachers. In addition, this BZA Order says Burke School is limited to two non-school events per month. However, we have observed much more frequent non-school events at Burke and our neighbors on Upton Street estimate that there are an average of two non-school events held at Burke School every week during the school year.

We understand that the Burke School has applied for permission to expand their facilities onto adjacent property and increase the number of students and staff by 100. The members of the Van Ness East Condominium Association are very concerned about this. The traffic, parked cars and visiting school buses associated with Burke School routinely use Van Ness Street causing problems in traffic flow, including sometimes dangerous conditions for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. I am sure the BZA is already well aware of these traffic problems.

We also understand that the Burke School has made modifications to their plans to mitigate the impact of school-related traffic and parking on neighborhood streets. We have heard the School has made additional agreements in order to mitigate other neighborhood concerns. However, the Burke School has demonstrated an unwillingness to comply with their current agreements with the neighborhood as set forth in BZA Order No. 13986.

Should the BZA approve the expansion plans proposed by the Burke School, the Van Ness East Condominium Association expects the BZA to be accountable for ensuring enforcement of all agreements made in the Order until such time as the Order is revoked or superceded.

Respectfully,

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