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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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REFERENCE: APPLICATION #16611

Dear Board Members:

I write in support of the Edmund Burke School, as they seek a zoning adjustment that will allow them to expand and improve their current facility at 2955 Upton Street, NW.

Edmund Burke has been a valued member of the Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington for over 25 years. Currently, twenty-six of our eighty-one schools reside in the District of Columbia. Edmund Burke has made a conscious choice to remain in the city, despite mounting pressure to relocate to suburban neighborhoods.

Our city is enriched by the diversity of our schools – public, parochial and independent. As more and more families with school-aged children consider moving back into the city, our need for varied, excellent schools also grows. Edmund Burke School's program is rigorous and forward-thinking. Its commitment to inclusiveness and service is a model for others. Edmund Burke is clearly and positively meeting the needs of families who live in the District of Columbia. Its proposed new building will enable the School to serve more families, but, more importantly, it will enable Burke to serve all its families better.

I urge you to grant Edmund Burke School the zoning adjustment they seek.

Sincerely,

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