Project Excellence

Honoring Brilliant Black Students

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RE: BZA Application Case No. 16611; Proposed Edmund Burke School Expansion

To Whom It May Concern:

As director of Project Excellence, a college scholarship program for African-American high school seniors who display outstanding writing and speaking skills, I am fortunate to have had close contact with many of the stellar students at the Edmund Burke School. As a parent of two current Burke students and one recent graduate, I am very closely acquainted with the faculty and administrators at Burke, as well as with the parent and student body. As a resident of Upton Street, I am familiar with the issues of having a school in the neighborhood. As a newly elected member of its Board of Trustees, I am supportive of the school's mission. It is with this personal knowledge that I write in support of Burke and its proposed building expansion plans.

As evidenced by my having transferred all three of my children to Burke, I believe that Burke provides an excellent education for its students. This is due not only to the strong academic emphasis in the curriculum, but equally as importantly, to the focus Burke places on values and ideals that encourage each of its students to act locally and think globally. The students who graduate from Burke go on to make a difference in the world. I am proud to be affiliated with Burke. Many of the city's constituent service institutions are supported by Burke student volunteers through Burke's strong commitment to community service.

A new building facility would enhance Burke's program, thus making an excellent institution into an even greater one that would better serve it's student body which would in turn be to the city's benefit.

If I can be of any further assistance to your Board on this matter, I would be pleased and honored.

Sincerely yours,

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