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

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Board of Zoning Adjustment suite 210-S
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

re: application no. 16611. : We're for it.
Edmund Burke School, Connecticut Ave. and Upton St., N.W.

Dear BZA,

Please approve Edmund Burke School's zoning appeal application.

Our city needs strong schools.
All cities need all the good schools they can get. Public and private.
Good schools make strong cities.
Good schools make strong cities by increasing the tax base by retaining and attracting families.
Good schools make strong cities by building an educated workforce.

At Edmund Burke we have a commitment to diversity. About two years ago we created the Minority Outreach Committee to really expand the results of our commitment.
A fifth of our population are students of color and we're not satisfied with that.
(12% of our gross tuition, over half a million dollars, goes to financial aid. which assists about 20% of our students.) Our commitment is to real diversity, racial, cultural and socio-economic.
This supports D.C.'s commitment to retaining and attracting families.

When our daughter, a 10th grader at Burke, graduated from our local D.C.P.S. Elementary School. We spent many years active with the public schools and Parents United. My wife and I were very active with the PTA. She was president and I used to testify at the hearings of the school board, city council and the mayor for all children in public school.

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Washington wants to retain and attract families (and their tax base).
So does Burke.
Washington is committed to diversity.
So is Burke, absolutely,.
We are an urban school. We are in D.C., a block from the main U.D.C. campus.
We are committed to staying an urban school in D.C. with access to Metro.
Over 50% of our families are district residents.
We need to provide a better facility for our students to stay current with their currently accepted educational requirements.

We are committed to providing an education to a diversified student body who will grow up to give back to the community.
Please approve Burke's application and support our commitment to educating the city's kids.

Yours,



William Eric Sahm, architect

c. Burke

Who I am is the possibility of the world operating as an intimate family.
Our children (all our children) nurtured and educated,
becoming tomorrow's global leaders, causing a world where, everybody makes it.

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