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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Room 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application Case 16611: Proposed Edmund Burke School Expansion

Dear BZA members,

We write to support the application of Edmund Burke School to expand at the corner of Upton Street and Connecticut Avenues. We have been residents, property-owners and taxpayers in the District of Columbia for 13 years. We both work in the District. We have two children, one of whom attends D.C. public schools and one of whom attends Edmund Burke.

Both as parents and as citizens of the District of Columbia, we believe that the District needs to nurture all of the schools within its boundaries, both private and public. Education of our children is, of course, vital to the District's future. And good schools with good physical facilities attract families into the District who might otherwise choose to live in the suburbs. Burke is a particularly valuable institution, a school that provides an excellent education for a diverse student body, that acts on its belief that community service is important and that is committed to expanding its financial aid program. The increasing number of District families who are applying for admission offers firm evidence of the school's increasing importance to the community – and is one big reason the city should support Burke's proposal.

This location, where Burke has thrived for years, is particularly well suited to a school, especially because it is so well served with public transportation, both bus and rail. But the building is inadequate, and we are pleased that the plans will offer Burke students sorely needed space for the arts as well as a better library. What's more, the comprehensive plan for the school building will allow a much safer and less congested traffic pattern for those parents who drop off their children in the morning. We're certain that both parents and neighbors will welcome this change.

We urge you to approve Burke's application

Sincerely yours,

David Wessel Naomi Karp

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