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

BZA Application No. 16611

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to strongly urge you to approve the application of Edmund Burke School for approval of a special exception for an addition to the school at 2955 Upton St N.W. pursuant to Section 206 of the zoning regulations. I am an Edmund Burke School graduate.

I am now working as a substitute teacher in the D.C. Public Schools—specifically at Alice Deal Junior High School. I also have engaged in a practicum assignment at Edmund Burke School. I am enrolled in a Masters degree program in education at American University.

Edmund Burke School has helped me prepare for a future career as a teacher in the D.C. Public Schools by providing the oversight of a master teacher and classroom experience.

Schools like Edmund Burke, as well as D.C. Public Schools, are good for the city because they give citizens options for education and attract families back to D.C. Burke is a good school for the city because it provides an excellent education, which prepared me for completion of a bachelor's degree at another city institution, the Corcoran School of Art.

Burke is committed to a diverse student body. Edmund Burke School students provide community service to the city now, just as I did when I attended the school.

The school operates a strong financial aid program. Its mission and values produce excellent citizens of the city and the world.

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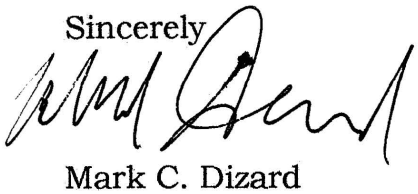
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Edmund Burke School has designed a comprehensive plan that allows for a safer and less congested traffic pattern.

The plan also calls for enhanced program space for the arts and a new library for the children.

Edmund Burke School responsibly and effectively serves the children, families and aspiring teachers of Washington D.C. I urge you to approve Edmund Burke School's application for a special exception.

Sincerely



Mark C. Dizard