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Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20000

RE: Application #16611

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As long time residents of the District of Columbia (I was born here 75 years ago; my wife immigrated to the District from Poland 62 years ago), we'd like to express our strong support for the proposed expansion of The Edmund Burke School (Application #16611) which you are scheduled to hear on November 14.

While we no longer have school aged children, it is clear that educational institutions in our neighborhood improve surrounding property values by attracting families to live in the District. Furthermore, educational and cultural institutions add fundamental vitality to our neighborhood and City.

Insofar as the street on which we live, Lenore Lane, is the eastern terminus of Upton Street, we are as affected as anyone in the neighborhood by traffic and parking issues that impact the neighborhood. These conditions give us more reasons to support the Edmund Burke School's expansion, primarily because, as we understand it;

1) The expansion as proposed directs construction and development away from the residential parts of the neighborhood and onto Connecticut Avenue;

2) The expansion as proposed directs traffic away from residential streets (Upton, Van Ness and two public alleys) and onto School property for drop-off/pick up and circulation;

3) The expansion as proposed includes a modest (not more than 20%) increase in the School's population and a disproportionately large increase in overall parking (300% increase) and onsite parking (nearly 100%);

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4) The expansion as proposed preserves existing green space on Upton Street.

We appreciate the time and effort that The Board and its members expend improving our neighborhood. We urge you to support the Edmund Burke School's application for a Special Exception (Application #16611).

Sincerely,

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