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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Dear BZA members,

This letter concerns Edmund Burke School's expansion plans. Both of us work in the District, and have a child who attends Edmund Burke.

Edmund Burke, like many other independent schools in the area, has needs for expansion. The facilities we offer for arts programs and the library in particular are much poorer than those provided in the D.C. Public high schools, even when the difference in size is taken into consideration. We believe that the school is a valuable asset to the District, and saves District residents tax dollars. Our student population is diverse, admitting students with a variety of academic needs, including children with learning disabilities who might otherwise request funding from the District for schools offering special education.

The expansion plans will redirect traffic away from Upton Street, while adding only about 66 new students. The new building is on Connecticut Avenue, not Upton, in a commercial area. Extra parking spaces will be added and a loop for traffic through the alleys will be used by most parents who drop off their children. In any case, a great number of students take the Metro to school, which is another asset of Burke in its current location. for these reasons, we encourage you to support Burke's application.

Yours truly,

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