Goeffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: BZA Application No. 16852
St. Patrick's School – 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As parents of an elementary school child and 10-year residents of Georgetown, we write to offer our support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School.

After a two and a half year house search, we moved into the Georgetown/Burleith neighborhood specifically because of the opportunities for children in the area. Living across from Georgetown University Hospital, we have enjoyed the many wonderful aspects of this area, the Palisades Recreational Center, the programs at the Lab School, Discovery Creek Children's Museum of Washington, the annual Fourth of July parade and the service-oriented retail stores.

There is a critical need for middle school options in the District of Columbia and we are delighted that St. Patrick's is willing to meet that need. We believe that having a school on the proposed site will be a tremendous benefit to the neighborhood, and vastly preferable to the alternative of several homes built on a subdivided lot.

We are impressed that St. Patrick's is working hard to ensure there are no negative impacts on the community. We believe the proposed shuttle arrangement will avoid any traffic tie-ups on Ashby Street, nightly trash removal will eliminate early morning dumpster pickup, faculty and parent visitor parking on site will prevent car congestion on Ashby Street and the shift to daytime educational use will limit the amount of noise in the evening.

In sum, for all the above reasons, we are delighted to offer our support to St. Patrick's proposal. The school will be an asset to the neighborhood. We urge you to approve St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

Eric and Amy Solomon

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