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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16852
St. Patrick's School – 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As parents of two children attending St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, I write to offer my support for St. Patrick's application to place its middle school at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard. I am pleased that St. Patrick's plans to preserve the existing house, and the open space, on this site.

During recent years much of the open space along MacArthur Boulevard has been filled in by development. The proposed St. Patrick's site is one of the few remaining parcels that has not been subdivided for residential development. While I welcome new houses, I also value the maintenance of open space when feasible.

Therefore I am very glad to see St. Patrick's plan for the site. I believe placement of the middle school there, with its predominantly daytime educational use, will be of benefit to the neighborhood. I am also happy to know of St. Patrick's excellent plans to limit traffic and parking impact on the neighborhood.

St. Patrick's has been a good neighbor to the Palisades community for many years. I am glad that they have chosen to try to meet educational needs here while at the same time contributing to neighborhood preservation. Therefore, I urge you to support their application.

Sincerely,

Patrick & Pamela Simms

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