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

Re: BZA Application #16852 – St. Patrick's/4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As a parent with school age children, and a resident of Ward 3, I wish to offer my support of the proposed academic use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School. One of the reasons I live in this community, is the opportunities for young children here. However, I am concerned about the need for more middle school options in the District, and I am pleased that St. Patrick's is trying to meet that need.

At one time, I looked at the house in question as potential office space for my business, so I am familiar with the site. I have been following the discussions about St. Patrick's use of the property in The Northwest Current as well. Frankly, I believe that having a school on the site will benefit the neighborhood tremendously. St. Patrick's is offering a strict set of conditions under which it would use the house in order to avoid negative impacts on the neighborhood. The shuttle bus service eliminates the need for a carpool line and will not cause traffic problems to the immediate area. Faculty and staff have sufficient parking in the lot on the property so there will be no additional cars parking on Ashby Street. Lastly, St. Patrick's will not be enlarging or adding to the footprint of the house but will instead, preserve the architectural integrity of the house and the adjoining open lot.

Therefore, since the proposed use will benefit the children of the District, especially those living in the Palisades, and there will be no adverse effects due to this use, I urge you to approve St. Patrick's application for a special exception.

Sincerely,

Michael McCann

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