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

Re: BZA No. 16852

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing to register my support of St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School's application to situate its middle school at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard and to urge you to support the application.

I believe the educational use planned for the site and St. Patrick's commitment to preserve the existing house and the open space there -- especially when a multiple dwelling development is an alternative -- is an excellent use for this property. I also believe that the planned use, a middle school, is a beneficial one for a residential neighborhood.

I agree with, and fully support St. Patrick's fundamental contention that schools and neighborhoods are a good combination, and that institutions engaged in the education of children enrich the communities they inhabit. I also believe that a school can be a very good neighbor. St. Patrick's has clearly demonstrated its respect for and responsiveness to neighbors' concerns ranging from traffic to trash collection to parking. It has provided both innovative and practical solutions to these issues.

Finally, as a parent of a St. Patrick's student the past four years and a member of the St. Patrick's community, I have confidence that St. Patrick's will diligently and responsibly follow-through on its commitments to the neighbors. I believe that the vast majority of the residents of the Palisades will find St. Patrick's a desirable neighbor and benefit to their community.

I urge you and other Members of the Board to support St. Patrick's application and that you will find it to be an excellent use of this site.

Most sincerely,

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