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Board of Zoning Adjustment
Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
441 4th Street, NW
2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20001

RE: BZA Application Number 16852
St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School
4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board,

We are writing to extend our support for St. Patrick Episcopal Day School's application to place its middle school at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard. We do so for two reasons. We are residents of Palisades who want middle school options for our children within our immediate community. We also want to encourage St. Patrick's School's preservation of the existing house and open space at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard.

We chose to move to Palisades from downtown because of the wonderful co-mingling of schools, commerce, homes, parks and open green space here. Our former neighbors thought we were nuts to move "out of town" - but we believe that we've found the best of all possible worlds! We were even more excited when we learned that St. Patrick's was planning on adding a middle school within the neighborhood. We feel that there is a critical need for middle school options in DC and are pleased that St. Patrick's is doing something to meet this need.

We are familiar with the proposed site for St. Patrick's middle school. We believe that having a school on the site will be a tremendous benefit to the neighborhood. The site will be preserved, the open space of the site will be maintained, and the neighborhood will have an excellent middle school and good neighbor.

Please support St. Patrick's BZA application! In doing so you will ensure a bright and wonderful future for 4925 MacArthur Blvd. as well as a superb educational option for our city's children.

Sincerely,

Anne and Paul Gambal
4907 Indian Lane, NW
Washington, DC 20016

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