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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 School – 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As a parent of young children I am concerned about the educational opportunities my neighborhood affords its families. I recognize the need St. Patrick's is trying to fill and I support the school's application to use the house at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard for a seventh and eighth grade program.

St. Patrick's is committed to ensuring that its presence will have no negative impacts on the community. I believe the shuttle bus proposal will avoid traffic congestion on Ashby Street. Student arrival/departure will be to the existing bus pad located directly in front of the house. Teachers will park in the ample lot already existing at the site, thereby eliminating the need for parking on Ashby Street. In addition, noise will be reduced in the evening by changing the house's use from the night uses by the Psychoanalytic Society to the day use as a middle school. Lastly, I am pleased that St. Patrick's will be preserving the existing building and open green space on the site. I believe this is vastly preferable to the alternative, which is several homes on a subdivided lot.

Therefore, for all the aforementioned reasons, I enthusiastically lend my support to St. Patrick's Board of Zoning Adjustment application.

Sincerely,

George D. Calomiris

CC Chairman John Finney, ANC 3D

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