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Mr. Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

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Re: IN SUPPORT OF BZA APPLICATION NO. 16852
ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL- 4925 MacArthur Boulevard

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am writing to express my support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. As a long time resident of the community having a child who attends St. Patrick's School, I recognize the need for quality educational opportunities for children in the District of Columbia, and am pleased that St. Patrick's is willing to try to meet that need.

I am familiar with the proposed site for St. Patrick's middle school. I believe that having a middle school of this caliber will be an exceptional asset to the Palisades community. Furthermore, with the recent increase in residential development in the area, St. Patrick's middle school will benefit many new families in the neighborhood as they prepare to look for the high quality education all children deserve.

St. Patrick's has been a great neighbor to the Palisades community for many years. I am pleased to see that St. Patrick's will be preserving the existing building and open space on the site should their application be approved. It is certainly preferable to the alternative, which is several homes on a subdivided lot.

In advance, I thank you for your consideration of this letter in support of St. Patrick's proposed use of the site and urge you to approve their application.

Sincerely,

William J. Butler, Jr.
1570 34th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

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