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Board of Zoning Adjustments
Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
441 4th Street, N.W. 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16852
St. Patrick's School - 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis:

I am writing today to express my support for the expansion of Saint Patrick's Episcopal Day School in to the building at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard.

I am the parent of two Saint Patrick's students and have been a resident of the District of Columbia all my life. As a native Washington, I am well aware of the shortage of good institutions of learning for our young people. I applaud St. Patrick's efforts for providing such thus far and fully support their expansion effort to include the MacArthur Boulevard location.

It does take a village to raise a child. The Palisades is but one village. St. Patrick's desire to enhance the Palisades by utilizing the MacArthur Boulevard location and yielding a seventh and eight grade curriculum can only result in another plus for the neighborhood. If there are any negatives concerning this acquisition, I do believe the plus's far out way them. Seventh and eighth grade serve as very important chapters in the lives of our children. They need a place to grow and learn.

I urge the Board of Zoning to do everything in its power to assist St. Patrick's in implementing this imitative, remembering that our children must come first.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia L. Baker
Ms. Patricia L. Baker

cc: Peter Barrett

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