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

Re: BZA No. 16852

Dear Mr. Griffis,

My husband and I have been residents of the Palisades neighborhood for twenty years--first, at Kenmore Drive, then Partridge Lane, and now Palisade Lane. We are so proud of our neighborhood with its friendly shops and restaurants, its social and architectural diversity, its green spaciousness so close to the city. It functions as much like a village as any urban neighborhood could. We have been blessed to be able to send our three children to St. Patrick's. We are a bit chagrinned, however, that for seventh grade we had to send our oldest daughter to school in McLean, VA and our next daughter to Potomac, MD--so much for living in the city! There simply aren't enough middle schools to cope with the graduates of our neighborhood elementary schools.

St. Patrick's endeavor to create a small middle school won't solve the problem but it's a step in the right direction. They have worked so diligently and sensitively to reassure the surrounding neighbors and to accommodate their concerns, which become more alarmist with each new meeting. Although these neighbors envision the "worst case scenario," we're sure that their fears will prove to be unfounded and that they will eventually embrace St. Patrick's Middle School as do the neighbors happily surrounding the Key School in Kent and the Horace Mann School in Wesley Heights-- and they are much larger schools!

We hope that you can envision the St. Patrick's Middle School at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard as the attractive and much-need asset to the Palisades Community as it can be. Our children need it.

Most sincerely,

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