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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 with school age children, and as a resident of the Palisades, I wish to offer my support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School. One of the main reasons I choose to live in this community, is the opportunities for young children here. However, I am concerned about the need for middle school options in the District of Columbia, and I am pleased that St. Patrick's is trying to meet that need.

I live walking distance from the proposed site, so I am quite familiar with it. I believe that having a school on the site will benefit the neighborhood tremendously. I am pleased that St. Patrick's is offering a strict set of conditions to avoid any negative impacts on the neighborhood. I particularly like the shuttle service and other arrangements that will limit traffic congestion in general, and in particular, on Ashby Street. I am also pleased that St. Patrick's will preserve the integrity of the house and open space — a much more desirable alternative than a subdivision with additional homes.

Therefore, since the proposed use will benefit the children of the District, especially those living in the Palisades, and there will be no adverse effects due to this use, I urge you to approve St. Patrick's application so we may welcome an excellent new neighbor to our community.

Sincerely,

Paul Macrides

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CC Chairman John Finney, ANC 3D

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