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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

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

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As a parent with young children, and as a resident of the Palisades community, I write to offer my support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. I live in the Palisades neighborhood because it is a wonderful area for young children. Because I have lived here for more than 30 years, I know there is a critical need for middle school options in the District of Columbia, and I 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 am also pleased to see that St. Patrick's is offering a strict set of conditions to avoid any negative impacts on the neighborhood. I am especially pleased at the shuttle service and other arrangements that will limit traffic congestion in general, and particularly will avoid congestion on Ashby Street.

In sum, I think that the proposed use is a benefit to the children of the District, particularly those of Palisades. I also think the school will be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. I urge you to approve St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

Jerome P. Cramer
5041 Macomb Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016

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