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Board of Zoning Adjustment
Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
441 4th Street, NW 2nd Floor
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Re: BZA No. 16852

Dear Mr. Finney,

We are writing to voice our support of the housing of a 7th and 8th grade school in the 4925 block of MacArthur Blvd. NW, by St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School. While living in the Palisades, our children have attended St. Patrick's, OLV, The Lab School, Key School and Hardy Middle School. Our family has certainly benefited from the location of all of these fine schools in our neighborhood. Further, living on Berkeley Terrace, with our street backing onto the play ground of St. Patrick's, and just around the corner from OLV, we daily hear the exuberant and happy voices of children at play. Now that our children are grown, it reminds us fondly, when theirs were among those voices.

St. Patrick's has proven over the years to be a thoughtful and responsible neighbor. They have made straight-forward efforts to address the concerns of their potential neighbors on MacArthur and Ashby. We believe their presence there will be a benefit to our community, not a deficit.

Finally, I encourage you to reflect back to July 4th and our wonderful annual parade down the Boulevard. There are hundreds of children and families lining the way. Where is there room for all of these children in our existing schools? How far out of the neighborhood will families have to go to find a space? Opening two new grades in the Palisades is an opportunity our community should embrace and happily! It can help young families to remain in the District. I urge you to vote in support of St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely yours,

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