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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 Boulevard

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As residents of the Palisades community, my wife and I write to offer my support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. We moved to the Palisades neighborhood in part because of the opportunities for young children here. There is a critical need for middle school options in the District of Columbia, and we are pleased that St. Patrick's is willing to try to meet that need. If a complete range of educational opportunities are offered in the Palisades, then young couples are will more likely choose to remain here as there children get older, thereby promoting a stable community.

As to the use of the property by St. Patrick's, we either drive, run or bike past the property every day, and we live only a few blocks away. We are quite familiar with the surrounding neighborhood and traffic issues, and do not believe that the proposed use will have an adverse impact on the neighborhood. Instead we believe that having a school on the site will be of tremendous benefit to 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 would be a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. I urge you to approve St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

Scott and Christine Wallace

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