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

Re: BZA No. 16852

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

We are writing to express our strong support of the application of St. Patrick's School to use the existing building at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard for its middle school. As long time residents of the District of Columbia, we support the creation and enhancement of educational opportunities for middle school students in the District of Columbia. We feel this is particularly important in the ongoing quest to attract new residents to the District of Columbia. Quality educational options are among the highest priorities for families when choosing an area in which to live.

We are familiar with the property that is the subject of the application. Use of it as a school is completely appropriate, particularly in light of the fact it has been the site of non-residential activities for more than forty years. A small middle school such as the one proposed by St. Patrick's School makes significant contributions to the community by expanding educational options for local students. It is my understanding St. Patrick's School has gone to considerable lengths to accommodate concerns of the residents of Ashby Street by limiting traffic with a proposed shuttle bus to pick up and drop off students and other arrangements. It is hard to imagine what negative impact a sixty-student school could have in an area that already includes a bus route and a flight pattern from National Airport.

We urge you to consider our thoughts as you decide this application. Providing educational opportunities for our city's young people should be considered an asset to the community.

Sincerely,

David and Susan Scott

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