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Re: BZA No. 16852

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

We are pleased to offer our strong support of the application of St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School to use the existing building at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard for its middle school. As D.C. residents and parents of young children, we think it is critical to enhance educational opportunities for middle school students in the District. Having quality educational options is an important way to attract families to live here.

We are familiar with the property in question. In our view, the proposed middle school will make a far greater contribution to the neighborhood than the existing use by the Washington Psychoanalytic Society. It also appears that St. Patrick's has gone out of its way to develop a stringent set of operating conditions to minimize any adverse effects (such as traffic, noise, etc.) on the neighborhood. The proposed use is both reasonable and appropriate.

We urge you to act favorably on this application, in the interest of expanding the educational options for children and attracting families to the District.

Sincerely yours,

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