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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,

We have one child at St. Patrick's and one at Horace Mann Elementary and we are residents of the Palisades Community. We are writing to support the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. We are supporting this proposal because:

1. There is a critical shortage of middle school options in DC.
2. We value the maintenance of open space when feasible and would not like to see open space filled by new development. We would like to maintain some character in the area and the preservation of the existing building would be more in keeping with the neighborhood rather than more a concentrated development.
3. More concentrated developments mean that traffic congestion is at all times of the day . St. Patrick's has practical plans to limit traffic and parking impact on the neighborhood. We are pleased that the Field School is occupying the Foxhall Road location because traffic will be limited to weekdays at certain times of the day and will only have minimal impact on weekends. Foxhall Road is much quieter on weekends because there is less commuter traffic and this reflects the fact that the immediate surrounding area has less concentrated developments.
4. As St. Patrick's parents we are confident that the St. Patrick's School's proposed endeavors to ensure that there are no negative impacts on the community as a result of this new use will be honored.

For all the above reasons, we are offering our support to the St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

Diana Hannes Martin Hannes

**Diana and Martin Hannes**
**4520 Foxhall Crescents NW,**

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