St. Patrick's
EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

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Mr. 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:

As the Director of Admission and Financial Aid at St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, as well as a parent of a former St. Patrick's student, I write to offer my support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. Over the course of my fourteen years at St. Patrick's School, I have experienced, both personally and professionally, the need for additional excellent educational opportunities for children in the District of Columbia. Many talented, bright young students in my son's class and in subsequent classes have found themselves with limited options after their Grade 6 year..

St. Patrick's is a school with a clear mission to instill in young people the values associated with caring for a community and recognizing their place as vital, contributing members of that community. In line with that mission, I am pleased to see that St. Patrick's is offering a strict set of conditions to avoid any negative impacts on the neighborhood, and that the Grades 7 and 8 program will include a strong community service component.

Adolescence is a particularly vital stage for young people, and St. Patrick's has developed a program that provides adolescents with a strong sense of community and purpose. Such a program should be welcome in Palisades, which has always existed as a vital, dynamic, and welcoming home to families, schools, and community-minded individuals. I urge you to approve St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

Jamie H. Garner

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