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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 4th St., NW 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16852
St. Patrick's School – 4925 MacArthur Blvd.

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As residents of Woodley Park, and close neighbors of the Palisades community, who also have young children, we are writing to offer our support for St. Patrick's School's application to place its middle school at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard. In order to maintain the vibrancy of our city, there is a critical need for middle school options in the District of Columbia. We are pleased that St. Patrick's is trying to help meet that need.

We are also pleased that St. Patrick's plans to preserve the existing house, and the open space on this site. During recent years, much of the open space along MacArthur Boulevard has been filled in by development. The proposed St. Patrick's site is one of the few remaining parcels that has not been subdivided for residential development. While we welcome new houses, we also value the maintenance of open space when feasible.

Therefore, we are very glad to see St. Patrick's plan for the site. We believe placement of the middle school, with its predominantly daytime educational use, will be of benefit to the neighborhood and surrounding communities. We believe St. Patrick's excellent plans will limit traffic and parking impact on the neighborhood.

St. Patrick's has been a good neighborhood to the Palisades community for many years. We are glad that they have chosen to meet educational needs here while at the same time contributing to neighborhood preservation.

Sincerely,

John D. Barker
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