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Board of Zoning Adjustment
Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
441 4th Street, 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 parents of young children, and as residents of the District f Columbia, we would like to offer our support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. We recently moved to the District after returning from overseas, predominantly because of the opportunitites for young children in the Palisades. We have one child attending St. Patrick's and two other at the River School, which is also located in the Palisades. Although the District is a more expensive place to live than surrounding suburbs, we were overwhelingly attracted to the District, specifically due to the presence of excellent schoolsin the Palisades. Given the excellence in quality of the education our child has received at St. Patrick's, our decision to move to the District has certainly proven a wise one.

We are familiar with the propsed site for St. Patrick's middle school. We believe that having the school on the proposed site will be of tremendous benefit to the neighborhood. The fact the St. Patrick's has gone to extreme lengths to ensure a set of conditions to avoid negative impact on the neighbord is both admirable and should deflect any possible negative impact. The shuttle service in particular will limit traffic congestion.

As neighbors of two schools, we can say from experience, that the impact of living near such schools is minimal. Neither of these schools has any shuttle service and one is under construction. The only impact we have from living near the schools, is the occasional sound of children's laughter, which could only be seen as a positive impact by the majority of persons.

In sum, we think that the propsed use is a benefit to the children of the District. We also think the school will be a positive and enriching addition to the neighborhood. We sincerely urge you to approve St. Patrick's application.

Sincerely,

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