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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Washington, DC 20001

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

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As a parent with an eight-year-old girl, and as a resident of NW Washington DC, I write to offer my support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard by St. Patrick's School. I moved to the American University neighborhood specifically because of the safe community, abounding young families and the many opportunities for children here. There is a critical need for middle school options, particularly an Episcopal school, in the District of Columbia, and I am thrilled that St. Patrick's is willing to try to meet that need.

I am familiar with the proposed site for St. Patrick's middle school. I believe that having a school on the site will be of benefit to the Palisades neighborhood. I am confident that the good faith Covenant—capping enrollment at 60—will prevent any negative impact on the neighborhood. Also, the proposed shuttle service will limit traffic congestion in general, particularly on Ashby Street.

In sum, I think that the proposed use of this site will be a benefit to the children living in the Palisades, as well as those residing in nearby surrounding DC neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

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