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Geoffrey Griffs, Chairman

Board of Zoning Adjustment

441 4th Street, Suite 210

Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16852/St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School-4925 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W.

Dear Chairman Griffs and members of the Board:

The purpose of this letter is to convey to you my strongest support for the application of St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School to use the existing building at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard for its middle school. I am a resident of Spring Valley in District of Columbia. I consider the MacArthur Boulevard, Palisades area to be part of my neighborhood (we almost daily shop or visit the restaurants on MacArthur Boulevard and my parents are residents of Grand Oaks, the assisted living apartments at 5901 MacArthur Boulevard). My son is in the 5th grade at St. Patrick's and my daughter, who is now 15, attended St. Patrick's from nursery through 6th grade.

I know from our family's personal experience that St. Patrick's is an educational institution of the highest quality that is committed to teaching the highest values, fine character and good citizenship to each of its students. I can think of no finer neighbor to have than a child who attends St. Patrick's and can also say the same for the fine people that work and teach at the school.

In addition, St. Patrick's use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard will provide an enhancement of co-educational opportunities for middle school students in the District. Having quality education options is one very important way to enhance livability in the District and to attract families to live here.

I am familiar with the property that is the subject of the application and understand that it has been used for non-residential purposes for over 40 years. I believe that the proposed middle school use will make a far greater contribution to the neighborhood by expanding educational options for our children than the existing use by the Washington Psychoanalytic Society. I also believe that through a strict set of operating conditions, which I understand that St. Patrick's has proposed, any potential adverse impacts on the neighborhood can be avoided. For example, I understand that the school has proposed a shuttle drop-off arrangement that will greatly limit any carpool traffic on Ashby Street. I also understand that with the exception of one back-to-school night annually, there will be no night or weekend use of the property.

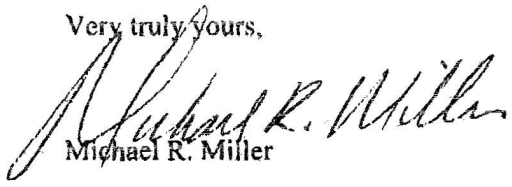
I respectfully request that you consider the foregoing as you decide this application. In its efforts to attract new residents, the city must expand the educational options for our children. St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School, an exceptional school, offers to expand its facilities to include 7th and 8th grade students and thereby help the city to meet this goal, in a manner that is

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most reasonable and appropriate. Accordingly, I strongly urge you to grant the pending application on behalf of St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School for use of the property at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard.

Very truly yours,



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