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Re: St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School's BZA Application No. 16852

Dear Ms. Prince:

Thank you for your letter dated May 9, 2002, offering to discuss and mediate the substance of the referenced application.

As indicated in the Neighbors United resolution dated April 15, 2002, that we provided to you, I am not the head of the group but rather one of the three trustee representatives authorized to speak for the group in this matter. After consultation, therefore, I am advising you as follows.

Members of our group have considerable experience in negotiating and mediating disputes. For example, when I was president of The Palisades Citizens Association and later a member and then chair of ANC-3D, I participated in working out a number of neighborhood development issues involving schools, including American University. Alma Gates spends a great deal of time helping to resolve a myriad of traffic problems affecting The Palisades, as chair of the PCA's Traffic Committee and member of city task forces; and Tina Demallie has had years of experience in the area of national energy policy. Thus, we are very comfortable with the negotiation process and actively seek to employ it in appropriate cases.

In the instant matter, however, the issue is whether there shall be either an intensive-use junior high school in our backyard or a preservation of the residential use for which the property is zoned. It would appear that, in any negotiation or mediation, your client would assume the junior high establishment and merely dance around the fringes of that decision.

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In contrast, for us a middle ground might be an educational use commensurate with the amount of activity that several residential households would generate in the aggregate, e.g. a residence for visiting scholars or teachers, a site for the chess club, space for tutorials. Then we would indeed have operational and physical aspects to negotiate. Please do tell us if your client has any interest in pursuing a compromise of this sort.

As it stands, we continue to find the junior high school proposal wholly inappropriate and unacceptable to the nearby properties and the greater neighborhood. Accordingly, we re-affirm the purport of the Wright-Skrivseth letter of May 1, 2002, indicating that at present there is nothing to discuss or mediate.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy L. Feldman

cc. Board of Zoning Adjustment
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THANK YOU.

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