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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: ***BZA Application No. 16852 – St. Patrick's School (4925 MacArthur Blvd.)***

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

As a parent of two young children, I am writing in strong support of the proposed use of 4925 MacArthur Boulevard for St. Patrick's new middle school program. The Board's endorsement of this application will serve to improve the quality and scope of educational opportunities in our community, and the issue deserves your serious consideration.

Many area parents know that the availability of seventh and eighth grade private school alternatives in our area far exceeds the supply. St. Patrick's proposal will:

- Bring value to our neighborhoods and properties, by introducing attractive educational options to families already living here, while raising the demand for homes by those considering a move to our community;

- Ensure accountability by St. Patrick's, by outlining a responsible package of measures to make certain that there will be a minimal impact by this small program on the households in the immediate neighborhood; and

- Serve our families by helping to meet the demand for quality educational programs for children during their formative seventh and eighth grade years, when a good school can make a critical difference in shaping a child's future.

St. Patrick's has a long and successful record as a good neighbor and community citizen. The school is now preparing to make an investment in the MacArthur property and neighborhood that is attractive both from the private and social points of view. At the same time, the proposal goes to extraordinary lengths to ensure that there will be minimal impact on traffic, noise and parking.

Your approval of this application will make a positive difference in many children's lives, and I hope that it will receive your strong support.

Sincerely,

Philip S. Goldman

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