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Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4ty Street, Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16852
St Patrick's School - 4925 MacArthur Blvd., NW

Dear Chairman Griffis and Members of the Board:

I am a resident of the Palisades Community. I also am a former teacher at St. Patrick's and also a parent of a former student. I have lived in my home for the last forty five years. We moved into this community with the knoweldge that our children would be going to some of the best in the District of Columbia's public schools. Our house still backs up on Hardy Recreation Center but the school is no longer Hardy Elementary School but Rock Creek International School.

When we were looking for a preschool for our youngest child, St Patrick's School had been in existance for just one year. We were delighted with the preschool. However, when our youngest was ready for first grade, he attended Hardy Elementary School, since St. Patrick's was not quite ready for the first grade. As mentioned before, Hardy Elementary School is no longer in existence.

I would like to see a good middle school in our area, and St. Patrick's is ready to begin with one. The property at 4925 MacArthur Boulevard seems ideal for a middle school with only sixty students.
St. Patrick's has put much thought and planning in prospects of having a middle school there.

I believe St. Patrick's has given much thought to the traffic pattern of the middle school, and seems to have solved this problem by having the students delivered by their parents to the main campus on Whitehaven Parkway and then bused by the school to the new site.

I also believe that a neighborhood needs schools to be a workable area or community. A neighborhood needs children or it soon ceases to exist. A neighborhood needs schools to continue to exist.

I believe that St. Patrick's will take excellent care of the property, that it will preserve it's historic nature, that it will appreciate it's uniqueness, that it will be responsive to it's neighborhood.

I sincerely hope that the Zoning Board will approve the use of the property for a much needed middle school in the area.

Sincerely,

Joyce N. Waters

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