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Mr. Geoffrey H. Griffis
Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210
Washington, D.C. 20001

RE: **BZA Application No. 16866**
Howard University and Metropolitan Day School

Dear Mr. Griffis:

The above-referenced application is scheduled for a public hearing before the Board of Zoning Adjustment on May 21, 2002. By this letter, the applicants request a postponement of the hearing until October 2002. The Metropolitan Day School has control of the property next door to the school and would like to coordinate plans for the site with its plans for increasing the enrollment. The Day School has already had an old dilapidated house and out buildings demolished on the site. Two concerns raised during the initial public hearing process were limited parking and play area. The site adjacent to the school provides additional space to address those two concerns.

We need the postponement to develop plans for the site and to consult with the community and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission. In addition, if parking is to be placed on the site as the community requests, we will need to appear before the Board for the plan for the site.

On March 21, 2002, we attended the monthly meeting of the ANC SMD 5A06 and indicated our intent to request a postponement and our reasons for making the request. The community members attending the meeting and the SMD 5A06 Representative, Ms. Mary Baird-Currie, were in favor of the postponement. Additionally, the community members at the meeting and the ANC Representative for SMD 5A06 have indicated their willingness to work with us through the planning process for the adjacent site and for working through any concerns that may remain regarding the Day School.

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Your favorable decision in this matter is appreciated. If the Board does not act on this postponement request before May 21, 2002, we will be present on that day for your decision.

Sincerely,

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