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FROM: Kenneth Laden
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DATE: December 3, 2002

SUBJECT: BZA Application No. 16944 Special Exception of Georgetown Day School High School at 4200 Davenport Street, NW (Square 1673, Lot 821)

The District Department of Transportation has reviewed the application and other material submitted by the applicant. This memorandum addresses the transportation aspects of the proposal.

This is an application by Georgetown Day School for a special exception to increase to the number of students and faculty/staff permitted at its private high school located at 4200 Davenport Street, N.W. The previous BZA Order No. 14278, dated September 4, 1985, incorporates a number of conditions which limits the number of students to 410 and the number of faculty/staff to 60. The Order also limits pick-up and drop-off of students to the school grounds and requires the school to provide overflow parking on its soccer field during special events.

The school is requesting that the allowable student enrollment be increased to 465 and the allowable faculty/staff be increased to 95. It is further requested that the provision regarding overflow of parking and pick-up and drop-off of students be modified. According to the applicant, the school currently has an enrollment of 450 students and employs 85 faculty and staff.

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Because the school is already operating above the allowable cap, the effective increase in student enrollment and staff increase is respectively 15 students and 10 staff. The applicant's transportation report indicates that approximately six vehicles would be generated by the proposed increase during the morning and afternoon peak arrival and departure and an additional demand for parking would be five spaces.

The Department concurs with the applicant's estimate and concludes the additional vehicle trips generated by the proposed action will have no significant traffic impact in the neighboring area. Regarding the parking supply, the applicant's existing parking facility (98 parking spaces) is more than adequate to meet the parking needs of the school including special events. During special events, such as parent/teacher meetings, DDOT strongly recommends that the applicant provide shuttle buses to and from the adjacent Metro Stations to minimize overflow parking into the adjacent residential streets.

In conclusion, we support the Transportation Management Plan (TMP) as outlined in exhibit C of the applicant's submission. In addition, the school should provide additional bicycle storage facilities and establish a strong policy to further encourage transit usage to reduce congestion in the area. **The Department does not support the proposed modification of the student's pick-up and drop-off outside the school grounds because it could create congestion and safety hazard along 42nd Street adjacent to the school.**

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