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The Board of Zoning Adjustments
441 4th Street NW
Suite 210-S
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Re: Georgetown Day School Application for Zoning Adjustment APPLICATION # 16944

We are homeowners and neighbors to Georgetown Day School (GDS). Our house is located on the third lot from GDS property line.

Some factors that affect us are:

1. Unauthorized parking by GDS students on neighborhood streets and on the Safeway parking lot
2. Flooding and debris build-up due to the termination of the alley behind our lots at GDS property line
3. Noise from the GDS playing field

Possible Solutions:

1. GDS commitment to installing a permanent and verifiable method for eliminating unauthorized parking that is linked to fines and reversal of zoning adjustment granted
2. Construction of a permanent below grade feeder drain from the terminated alley through GDS property to the sewer opening on River Road
3. Planting of sound and privacy barrier trees inside GDS property line

The BZA should verify that the zoning variance requested by GDS satisfies all of the established physical requirements and occupancy guidelines of the District of Columbia. We do not think that the ANC has adequately weighed the issues surrounding the GDS impact on the immediate neighborhood. We trust that your decisions will follow sufficient and credible considerations.

In the construction of the GDS property there was insufficient provision for storm water management and the closing of the alley multiplied the problem. GDS has recently worked with us to have the alley cleaned and paved. This has brought about immediate improvement. However, this responsibility on GDS part was ignored for over eight years. The repair to the alley is not necessarily a permanent fix. Since commitment does not transfer easily from one administration to another we think that a permanent connection to the District's sewer system is required and a prerequisite to any variance adjustment.

We trust that you will give serious consideration to these items of concern before moving forward with any variance adjustment.

Thank you

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