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Dear Mr. Griffis,

We are writing in support of NCRC's project to improve the school. Our two children attend NCRC and we are also close neighbors to the school. (We live on Macomb Street and most often walk to the school.)

We chose to send our children to this wonderful school because we believe in the school's philosophies and vision. NCRC believes strongly in doing the best it can for each child and is successful in accomplishing this goal. The school brings together a unique mix of families from different racial, socio-economic backgrounds as well as children with special needs. At the same time a large portion of the children (about 75%) live in the District of Columbia with 50% living in ward 3, such as ourselves.

Due to the close proximity of the school, we have been able to enjoy NCRC's wonderful playground ever since our children were old enough to play there. We have seen many neighbors enjoying these facilities over the years as well.

We are impressed with the school's plans for improving the current facility. Anyone who has spent time there can see the need for more space. The school has no space for school wide assemblies or events and also has no space for private meetings with staff. At the same time, the plans allow for a reduction of class size but with the addition of two more classrooms allows a few more children to benefit from this great school.

NCRC has reached out to neighbors to hear their comments and concerns by having more than a dozen meetings and have actually cut back the size of the proposed new building by about 40%. They are working to ensure that traffic management is both safe for children and accommodates the concerns of the immediate neighbors.

Anyone, who has had the opportunity to attend this fabulous school, in the 75 years of its existence, knows that the lives of their children as well as parents have been greatly enriched by NCRC. Our hope is to give future families – as many as possible -- the same chance.

Sincerely,

Margaret & Mike Carvin

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