Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W. Suite 210-S
Washington, D.C. 20001

August 4, 2003

Re. Case # 17022 (Edmund Burke School)

Dear Mr. Griffis and the Board:

As residents of the District of Columbia since 1976, we are writing to strongly recommend that the Board approve the application of the Edmund Burke School to expand its facilities, to be considered at your hearing to be held October 14, 2003.

The District of Columbia needs quality schools, both public and private. Our son, Andrew, graduated this year from Woodrow Wilson High School in the District, an outstanding public high school.

But, it is also important that private schools, such as Edmund Burke School, have a chance to thrive and to serve residents of the District and elsewhere---in the public interest. Our review of Edmund Burke's revised plans convinces us that Burke's revised plan for expansion will serve the community interest, including the reasonable interests of nearby residents, and more importantly, the District of Columbia community at large. Indeed, it is important that the overall community interests of the District do not become secondary to any short-sided interests of those who may lack a broader community perspective.

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It is our hope and expectation that the Board of Zoning Adjustment will appreciate these broader community interests which, as long time District of Columbia residents and taxpayers, we expect of our elected and appointed representatives. To that end, we strongly urge you, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, to approve the request of the Edmund Burke School.

Very truly yours,

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