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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to you in support of application number 17022, the proposed expansion of the Edmund Burke School (EBS). I am a resident of the Van Ness South apartment building. I have also recently begun to substitute teach at EBS. My professional background is as a Social Worker. In all my years of school-based work, I have never seen a school run so smoothly, an administration so congenial, nor a student body so polite and mature as those at EBS.

I am aware that some of my fellow residents at Van Ness South oppose the expansion. I, too, am typically someone who opposes building expansions. But this situation is quite different. EBS has made Herculean efforts to address the concerns (valid or not) of the neighbors. They have diligently worked with traffic flow, even to the point of ticketing the parents who violate their rules. They have given Metro vouchers to students. They have hired off-duty police officers to work along the street. They are proposing a parking garage which will significantly ameliorate pre-existing parking issues along the street. They have required students to pick up trash (most of which probably is not their own) along Upton street. What a benefit to all who surround them!

EBS's application should be supported because their presence enhances our neighborhood. Their architecture and landscaping are most pleasant. Their staff are courteous and extraordinarily respectful. Their students are so friendly that they regularly say "hello" to me as we pass on the sidewalk on Connecticut Avenue. These are above-average neighbors in every way. I have only positive feedback regarding EBS and I sincerely hope that the BZA understands that approving their application will strengthen our neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

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