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

**Re: BZA Application No. 17022, Edmund Burke School**

Dear Chairman Griffis:

We have been advised by the Office of Zoning staff that the Board of Zoning Adjustment has scheduled a public hearing on the above-referenced application for the Edmund Burke School ("**School**") for June 24, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Unfortunately, the School's traffic consultant, Mr. Martin Wells of Wells & Associates, LLC, will be out of the country on that date due to a long standing travel commitment to Europe. Since traffic, parking and traffic management are the critical issues involved in this application, and it is these issues with which the residents in the vicinity of the School have the most concern, we respectfully request that the hearing be re-noticed and rescheduled for July. We have been advised by staff that the Board has an opening on its calendar for a hearing on July 15, 2003. The School and its consultants are available on this date to present its case to the Board and request that the hearing be rescheduled to July 15th.

We also respectfully suggest that, given the complexity of this case, it is likely to take more than one afternoon session of the Board's valuable time. We would thus suggest, and request, that the Board if it grants this request, it set aside the entire day of July 15th for this hearing. In the alternative, we suggest and request that a follow-up hearing date be scheduled now so that all the parties involved will know, in advance, when that next date will be if, in fact, the case carries over.

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District of Columbia
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The School has been in contact with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3F to advise them of this situation and is currently awaiting ANC 3F's position on the hearing delay. We do not believe that any person or party will be prejudiced by this request since: 1) most people have just received their notice of the June 24th hearing (it has yet to be published in the D.C. Register); and 2) all persons and parties would have equal opportunity to participate in this matter on July 15, 2003.

If you have any questions or concerns, please have your staff contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Phil Feola

Ashleigh Dale Horne

cc: Advisory Commission 3F
David Shapiro