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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 2001

Subject: Burke Application #17022

Dear Chairman Griffis:

We wish to encourage your support for the Edmund Burke School's application, currently before the BZA, to expand its facilities. As you may be aware, in response to the rejection of its application last year, Burke has made a number of significant changes to address the concerns of the DDOT, the ANC and the school's neighbors.

Traffic flow is a problem for all urban institutions and the traffic concerns raised by Burk's neighbors and others is understandable and reasonable. In an effort to address concerns with traffic, this past year the school has instituted a traffic management plan designed to significantly reduce traffic volume and congestion on Upton Street. We believe the plan is working and know that all of us in the Burke community -- students, parents and staff -- are more than happy to respect all traffic restrictions needed to address these concerns.

We understand that Burke's new building and traffic plans will introduce a number of measures designed to further reduce traffic congestion in the neighborhood. The measures include shuttle bus services, further restrictions on traffic flow and drop-offs, more parking space in a underground parking garage, and rigorous monitoring and enforcement using staff and off-duty police.

As a critical part of addressing the concerns of its neighbors, over the past year, Burke has instituted monthly meetings with an advisory board of neighbors. These meetings have been very helpful and we believe the entire Burke community now recognizes the need to be good neighbors, to communicate frequently, and to be responsive to all concerns, large and small, of neighbors. This outreach will provide benefits for all as we go forward.

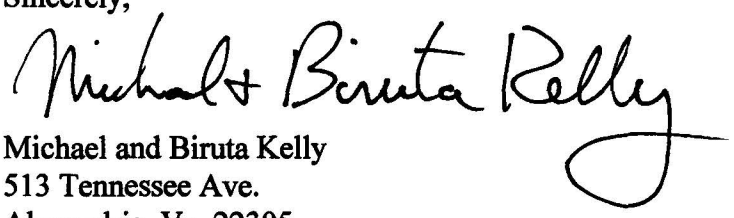
Burke is a excellent school and, going into the future, can be a valuable asset not only for its students but for the neighborhood and the greater community. It does need to renovate and modernize in order to continue to provide excellent educational services. We believe its application addresses the concerns previously raised and we know that the Burke community looks forward to maintaining close ties with its neighbors and to working with those neighbors to resolve the additional issues that are sure to arise in any community.

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We urge you to support Edmund Burke School's application before the BZA. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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