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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
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RE: CASE #: 17022, Edmund Burke School

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a long-time DC resident and homeowner, I am writing to urge your support for the application by Edmund Burke School to expand its facilities on Upton Street, NW.

I believe that there are two key points worth keeping in mind as you hear this case on July 15, 2003:

1) The modest expansion of Burke's facilities currently proposed will benefit the community and the city as a whole. Urban schools in residential and mixed neighborhoods, such as Burke, do much to richen our urban life and encourage revitalization of our city. While I understand the natural inclination to protect and preserve the status quo, we must recognize the need for responsible, constructive and creative growth and development (including the provision of quality educational services) that balances the needs and desires of all members of the community. Saying NO is not a way forward for any of us, and Burke's proposal deserves a YES on its merits.

2) When it reviewed and rejected an expansion proposal by Burke last year, the BZA cited several legitimate concerns and problems. These problems have been addressed fully in the new proposal, including well-conceived and practical traffic plans to reduce congestion in the area, and redesigned facilities to reduce traffic even more. These steps have been taken in consultation with residents and neighbors, and actions put in place over the past year have proven effective.

The new plan is a compromise for all. In such a compromise, no party is ever fully satisfied, and this is certainly the case here. It is, however, a workable and balanced compromise, protecting and forwarding the interests of all concerned. As such the proposal deserves your full support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan S. Deull

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