Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 210-S
Washington, DC 20001
Re: #17022

To BZA Officials:

This letter is in support of Edmund Burke's application for expansion that is soon to be heard by the BZA.

The school has worked hard to be responsive to its neighbors. I am personally very well acquainted with the traffic management plan, since I drive my daughter to school every day. We are very careful to follow the plan.

I know that Burke's new building designs have included a great deal more offstreet parking, as well as the creation of circulatory space for cars that will remove almost all traffic from Upton Street. The school clearly wants to be a good neighbor.

I believe that there is something else to think about in regards to this school. It is one of the most unique schools in the District. It is diverse in many ways, including but not limited to financial, ethnic, racial and learning style. The faculty and administration are respectful of each other, of the students AND of the area the school inhabits. The students at Burke, in turn, are mature and take responsibility for their actions. They are neither cynical nor are they "entitled," as are so many of their peers. To appreciate the quality of this special place, I urge you to visit the school and see it in action. I think this would help you to understand that, far from being a "bad neighbor," this school is an asset to its community. Allowing it to expand in a carefully planned way will improve the school's ability to instruct its students while minimizing its effect on the residents of that area.

Thank you for taking the time both to read my letter and to consider this matter. I hope your decision is one that is favorable to the school.

Very sincerely,

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