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Chairman Geoffrey Griffis
Board of Zoning Adjustment
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RE: CASE #: 17022

Dear Chairman Griffis:

I write in support of the initiative by the Edmund Burke School to expand its existing physical facility. As a resident of the area of Northwest Washington where Edmund Burke is located, I can attest to Edmund Burke's strong commitment to the local community and its efforts to properly manage traffic control around the school.

Edmund Burke has scored an enormous success with its current voluntary traffic management plan. I therefore urge you and the other members of the Board to review the factual evidence and the proof Edmund Burke School has offered of its ability to implement an effective traffic plan for the proposed expanded school.

Burke has put forth an excellent plan, providing for a well-designed building, reoriented to appropriately facilitate movement on Connecticut Avenue. Their sound traffic plan builds on past success in reducing congestion and increasing a proper traffic flow. The stringent enforcement plan Edmund Burke School has proposed will institute serious penalties for non-compliance and addresses the concerns some other local residents have raised.

Private schools, such as Edmund Burke, are a vital part of our community. If Edmund Burke cannot expand in its present location, the school may choose to move to Maryland or Virginia. As a result, considering the recent history of the Van Ness area of Connecticut Avenue, I would imagine that a developer will purchase the property and attempt to erect another large apartment or condo complex on the site. If history is any judge, such an outcome would vastly increase traffic and parking problems in our area beyond any conceivable consequence of Burke's planned expansion.

As a local resident, I strongly prefer the modest expansion of the Edmund Burke campus envisioned in its current plans. I therefore urge you to support Edmund Burke's application # 17022.

Sincerely yours,

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