July 11, 2003

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

Re: Zoning Application of Edmund Burke School; Case No. 17022

Dear Mr. Griffis,

I am a resident of ANC 3F01 writing to express my strong support of Edmund Burke School's application to expand its facilities that is to be heard by the BZA on July 15, 2003.

It is my understanding that ANC 3F has voted against the Burke School's application. While I respect and appreciate the valuable work of the volunteer elected officials who serve on ANC 3F, I believe they have heard largely from the vocal minority of residents who oppose Burke's expansion. I have not previously participated in ANC discussions on this issue.

I do not have children who attend Burke, but my children regularly walk or ride their bikes on the streets around Burke. I have lived within a half mile of Burke for the last thirteen years and am very familiar with traffic patterns in the area. Burke has always been a positive asset to the community and its presence on Connecticut Avenue lessens any detrimental impact to our residential neighborhoods. Expanding the school necessarily means there will be some increase in traffic and noise, but no more so than the three large apartment buildings built within five blocks of the school during the past three years. If Connecticut Avenue is fit for additional high-density residential units, certainly it can handle expansion of a property that provides quality educational options for our community.

I know that you and the BZA will give Burke's application your objective, professional consideration. In doing so, please recognize that the surrounding neighborhood is not unanimously opposed to expansion. I ask your support for the Edmund Burke School's application #17022.

Sincerely,

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