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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: No. 17022/Application of Edmund Burke School

Dear Chairman Griffis and Fellow Board Members:

I am a resident of Cleveland Park and am writing to express my support for the application of Edmund Burke School to expand its facilities that will be heard by the Board of Zoning Adjustment on July 15th.

As the City Department of Transportation and Office of Planning recommend, the Burke plan should be approved. The school has done a great deal during the past year to improve its traffic management plan and reduce congestion in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, it is becoming increasingly apparent that a small but very vocal group will oppose Burke's plans regardless of what the school does. This group does not fairly or fully represent community views and should not be permitted to unduly influence the application process.

The bottom-line is that the city needs schools like Burke and the school has gone to great lengths to accommodate legitimate neighborhood concerns. The application should be approved. Thank you for considering my views.

Yours truly,

Dirk S. Roberts

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