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

Dear Mr. Griffis,

I am writing to ask your support of Edmund Burke School's application to expand its facilities, which will be heard by the BZA on July 15, 2003.

I have taught at Edmund Burke for five years, and I have seen first-hand the many changes that the school has made over the past year to be responsive to the concerns of the DDOT, the ANC and the school's neighbors. I know for a fact, since I walk to school on Upton Street daily, that the amount of drop-off traffic has diminished substantially since the implementation of our traffic plan, which has unambiguously proven to reduce congestion in the area. I am also quite confident that the new building, with its substantially increased on-site parking, and drop-off plan that routes all traffic away from Upton Street, will alleviate traffic even more. At next week's application hearing, you will also learn about our plans to reduce enrollment growth and our efforts to communicate and work with our neighbors. All of these steps show that Burke is serious about coexisting peacefully with the nearby residents, and can successfully decrease traffic in the neighborhood.

Burke has been a valuable city institution for over 30 years. With thousands of families relying on private education and demand for these schools increasing, urban private schools like Burke need to be able to renovate and modernize in order to sustain quality educational services. Burke's expansion plans are modest, reasonable and responsive to the valid concerns of our neighbors.

I urge you to support Edmund Burke School's application #17022.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Kulawiec

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