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

Dear Chairman Griffis:

I am writing on behalf of Edmund Burke School, located near the intersection of Connecticut and Upton Street in Northwest Washington. Edmund Burke has applied for zoning permission to expand its educational facilities by building on the now vacant corner of that intersection. I am a long-time Burke parent and I have detailed personal experience with Burke's needs and efforts. I hope you will support Edmund Burke School's application, which will be heard by the BZA on July 15, 2003.

Burke was turned down by the BZA last year based primarily on neighborhood fears that the expansion would aggravate traffic congestion in the area. Since that decision, Burke has mounted an organized campaign to ameliorate its impact on the neighborhood. It has also changed its development plans to ensure that the expansion will have a positive effect on traffic and congestion on Upton Street. As a parent, I have been part of the project. I have seen personally, in the course of my son's daily commute to and from the School, the improvement arising out of the new traffic plans.

From our presenters, you will hear about Burke's already implemented traffic plan, which have been proven to reduce congestion in the area. You will also hear about Burke's plans for the new building and additional off-street parking, which will alleviate traffic even more. You will also learn about our plans to reduce enrollment growth and our efforts to communicate and work with our neighbors.

Burke has been a valuable city institution for over 30 years. I think it provides crucial services to its students and its value as an urban institution would be lost if it were forced to move from its present location. 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.

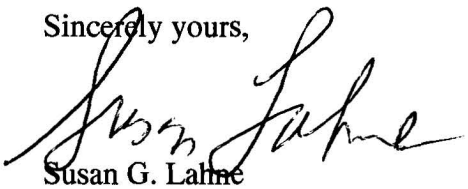
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I understand the neighborhood's concern, and I support their efforts to maintain quality of life. I also believe that Burke's plans will improve conditions in the neighborhood, not harm them. Burke's expansion plans are modest, reasonable and responsive to the neighborhood.

Please support Edmund Burke School's application #17022.

Sincerely yours,



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