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October 3, 2006

Re: Sidwell Friends School, BZA Application No. 17149

Dear Friends,

As required in the Sidwell Friends School zoning order (application 17149) issued on October 5, 2004, with the final order date of March 4, 2005, this letter is to certify that the school is in compliance in all material respects with the terms and conditions of its zoning order including the currently applicable elements of the transportation management plan.

The new parking/traffic management structure on Wisconsin Avenue and the expanded and renovated middle school on 37th Street authorized under the zoning order are complete and operating well.

The school has implemented the following components of the traffic management plan:

1. Regular operation of the school is limited to the programs and activities of the school.
2. Faculty, staff and students living close to the school have been encouraged to walk.
3. Faculty, staff and students not living close to the school have been encouraged to use public transportation. The school offers Student Metro Passes to DC students. Metro does not offer an equivalent product for out-of-District students, or any other monthly rail pass, so the school is providing a dollar subsidy implemented through SmartTrip for students from Maryland and Virginia using metro. The school offers the MetroCheck program to its employees, and provides a subsidy.
4. The school encourages carpooling, and facilitates this by making available zipcode-sorted address lists.
5. Drop-off and pick-up protocol has been implemented, including use of the new drop-off and pick-up lane in the traffic management structure, and limiting of drop-off and pick-up activity on 37th Street to cars carrying 5th and 6th grade students.
6. The school continues to operate its shuttle bus between the DC and Bethesda campuses.

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7. Students who drive normally park on campus. They are required to register their cars and display hang tags if they park near the school. They are prohibited from parking in any restricted on-street spaces on Quebec Street, 37th Street and Upton Street.
8. School community members have been advised to obey traffic regulations.

Contrary to our intentions, the school currently has 804 students on the Wisconsin Avenue campus, 4 students above the zoning limit of 800. We are very sorry for exceeding the cap. One student is a Katrina evacuee that we assumed would be returning to New Orleans but the father has taken a position with Howard University and plans to remain in Washington; another student is a victim of the Rwanda atrocities losing both his mother and sister by violence which he observed and was, himself, burned. (He and his father were brought here from New Orleans via Philadelphia in late August and the Washington Scholarship Fund asked us to make a place for him because of the extreme and profoundly inhumane experiences he had been through. He is not paying tuition, and the school is providing additional support beyond his tuition.); one student was authorized for a leave of absence and, because of health issues, the family withdrew the leave request in early September just before the start of school.

Enrollment management is never an exact science. I understand from the Head of School that he and Admissions Office felt that we would meet the 800 student cap. Two students will be leaving in January to study away from SFS for the entire spring term. We normally experience some attrition through the year and so think it likely that our enrollment will drop to 800 over the course of the year. While we do not understand this overage of one half of one percent to be material, we deeply regret being over our limit.

The employee count is 174, which is below the zoning limit of 190.

Thank you for your attention. I would be very happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,

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Chief Financial Officer

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