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Re: Support for BZA Application No. 17383 - The Lab School

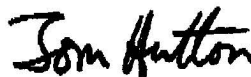
Dear Members of the Board:

I am a neighbor of The Lab School. I reside at 5823 Potomac Avenue and have lived in the Palisades neighborhood for sixteen years. I am writing to express my support for the Lab School's application to increase its enrollment to 330, to increase its faculty/staff cap to 182, and to install 50 parking spaces in the public space along Whitehaven Parkway. It is my understanding that the BZA will hold a hearing on the application on November 22, 2005. Given my proximity to the Lab School and the proposed parking, I have a strong personal interest in the application.

I have consistently found The Lab School to be a good neighbor, one which provides many benefits to the community. Neighbors particularly enjoy the Community Swim program, the gymnastics program and similar opportunities that the Lab School offers to children in the neighborhood. The students are well-behaved and do not cause an objectionable impact on the community. The parking spaces and new sidewalk will be great conveniences to the neighborhood, because they will provide night and weekend parking for nearby institutions and residents. The 50 parking spaces will relieve much of the parking burden on the surrounding neighborhood, while the new sidewalk will increase pedestrian safety. Given the number of children and dogs in the community, the proposed improvement in pedestrian safety is reason alone to support the application.

For these reasons, I support The Lab School's application to the BZA and I hope that you approve Application No. 17383.

Respectfully,



Tom and Susan Hutton



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