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D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment  
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Attn: Geoffrey Griffis, Chairman

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**Re: Letter of Support for The Lab School of Washington, BZA  
Application No. 17383**

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Dear Members of the Board:

I am writing in support of The Lab School's application for a student and faculty/staff increase and to locate additional parking in the public space along Whitehaven Parkway. I am a District of Columbia resident. The number of faculty and staff employed by The Lab School has dramatically increased because of the school's strong commitment to meeting the individualized needs of learning disabled students. There are many intelligent students who struggle to learn in the traditional school environment. The Lab School provides these students the tools they need to become achievers. As a result of the pioneering teaching methods employed at the school, over 90% of Lab School students go on to college.

Many of the students at the Lab School need services that are above and beyond those provided in a traditional school setting. In order to address the special needs of the students, The Lab School employs speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, and psychologists. In addition, the ratio between students and teachers is extremely low. In many classes students require and receive one-on-one instruction from teachers.

The Lab School provides a service the community desperately needs. In order to continue providing this service, The Lab School must be allowed to have adequate faculty, staff, and resource professionals. A reduction in student enrollment is not the answer. The school already turns away 16 children for every space that is filled.

The School is genuinely concerned about its parking problem, and is seeking a long term solution. At this time, it is actively searching for a new parking garage site and is engaged in discussions with The George Washington University regarding the use of the parking garage on its Mount Vernon Campus. In the meantime, the proposed back-in angled parking spaces will be an attractive and safe solution to the parking needs of the School and the neighborhood.

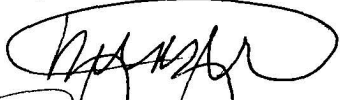
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I urge the BZA to approve this Application No. 17383.

Respectfully,

  
Jack Zanter  
Community Resident  
Committed Lab School  
Supporter