



August 20, 2026

District Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20001

Re: St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School
BZA Case No. 17429B

Dear Chair Pourciau and Members of the Board:

I write as a longtime Washingtonian, DC resident, and Founder & CEO of Headfirst Summer Camps in strong support of St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School's proposal to construct a new middle school and allow for limited additional use of its existing Foxhall Field.

Headfirst was born here in Washington nearly 30 years ago, beginning with a single baseball lesson and growing into a community of coaches, counselors, and educators serving thousands of children and families each year. Through our summer camps, sports programs, and STEM and creative experiences, our aim has remained consistent: to create exceptional experiences where children can build confidence, form meaningful relationships, and discover what they are capable of.

Our relationship with St. Patrick's and its community stretches back nearly as far. We have worked closely with St. Patrick's families, students, and leaders in various capacities for nearly three decades, and since 2019 have been proud to formally partner with the school to operate Headfirst Summer Camps at its Whitehaven campus.

St. Patrick's is an exceptional partner for Headfirst because our organizations share a deep commitment to children, families, and community. Head of School Jalene Spain Thomas and the entire St. Patrick's team have welcomed our campers and staff onto their campus with extraordinary care and generosity. Each summer, they entrust us with a place that means a great deal to their school community and, in turn, work alongside us to make it feel like home for ours. We do not take that trust—or this partnership—for granted.

So much of what makes a Headfirst summer special happens outdoors—from multi-sport and athletics programming to the active, joyful play that fills each day—and all of it depends on access to quality field and outdoor space.



We understand the Whitehaven Parkway athletic field will not be available for use during construction of the proposed middle school, as it will be utilized for construction staging purposes. Our program would benefit tremendously from the opportunity to utilize St. Patrick's existing Foxhall Field during this time. We understand the concerns that nearby neighbors may have with respect to this use of the field, and we are committed to working directly with the St. Patrick's team to ensure that issues such as parking and traffic, noise, and trash removal are all proactively addressed—and if any issues do arise, are promptly resolved.

As a community partner, I have seen the entire St. Patrick's community live out its mission and values, particularly in supporting children's growth and connecting to the surrounding neighborhood. In my role, I can attest that St. Patrick's is a conscientious, welcoming, and willing partner, always mindful of its responsibility to serve the greater good.

After nearly three decades of working with children and families in this city—and nearly as long alongside members of the St. Patrick's community—I have great respect for the institution St. Patrick's has built and the thoughtful way its leaders steward it. They care deeply about children, about their neighbors, and about getting things right.

We are enormously grateful for our partnership, excited about this next chapter for St. Patrick's, and fully confident that allowing limited use of Foxhall Field for programs such as ours will benefit the larger community while protecting the interests of those who reside closest to the field.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brendan Sullivan
Founder & CEO
The Headfirst Companies