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**Advisory Neighborhood Commission**

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Fellow community members,

It is a privilege to offer my support to ECC in their mission to educate and serve students with emotional disabilities. Their work with this high needs population requires community support, strong leadership, and reliable sources of funding for the services that they provide. I look forward to seeing ECC open their doors to the families that will benefit from the unique programs and services that they provide.

Currently many DC students are riding buses two hours each way to programs in Maryland and Virginia, because most of ECC's peer programs (all but one) in the District have closed. These lengthy commutes are taxing for children and make it more difficult for their families to be closely involved in their education and therapy. The forthcoming partnership with Maret will be beneficial to ECC's mission and the surrounding community, providing wonderful resources for young people, and bringing a vitalizing energy to the neighborhood.

I am a parent with children who have playdates at the home of friends only a block from ECC. They often walk to the Broad Branch Market for snacks. We live not far away and love the community surrounding ECC. As a parent, I often find myself in locations all around the DMV when dropping my daughters off at their soccer, basketball, and flag football practices. Knowing that the partnership with Maret will provide their community with a dependable place for their sports activities will be a great use of the grounds of ECC.

Thank you for your time and your support of this wonderful initiative and partnership between ECC and Maret.

Best regards,

**Aaron Stallworth**

***ECC Board Member***

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District of Columbia  
CASE NO.20643  
EXHIBIT NO.173