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Dear Chairman Hill,

My name is Natasha Shields and I live at 1815 Randolph St NW in Ward 4. I am in full support of the Maret School's proposed fields project located at the Episcopal Center for Children (ECC), and I respectfully urge you to do all in your power to move it forward.

Maret is pursuing this partnership with ECC to meet the needs of its student-athletes. Athletics are core to Maret's mission, and providing adequate field space for young people is critical to any well rounded educational program.

While meeting this end, Maret's lease payments would also support the long-term vitality and viability of ECC, a valued institution in ANC3/4G since 1930, and allow it to continue its mission as a therapeutic school serving children with emotional disabilities and their families throughout the city.

Furthermore, sharing the proposed athletic fields at ECC with a limited number of youth sports organizations would address an unequivocal need throughout the District for access to quality all-weather playing fields.

I appreciate Maret's decision to be outward looking as it addresses its own needs by insisting the field be made available to students from different neighborhoods in need of proper field space. Please endorse this plan which will benefit Maret students, ECC students, and DC children in the partnered athletic programs.

Sincerely,

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