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Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Letter in Support of BZA 21318

Chairperson Hill and members of the Board,

I'm writing on behalf of ANC 5C¹ in support of the requested variance to construct seven temporary structures on the John Burroughs Elementary School lot. It's essential to keep ongoing modular classroom construction on track to accommodate students and staff this fall.

As advocacy, and ultimately the decision, to construct this modular campus repeatedly demonstrated², there are no feasible alternative swing spaces available for our neighborhood's elementary schools as their home buildings undergo much-needed modernization.

In recognition of this, **I urge the BZA to forgo time limitations** so the inherently temporary modular campus can continue serving Bunker Hill, Langdon, and/or Noyes Elementary Schools as long as safely practicable, even if DC's fiscal uncertainties threaten modernization timelines.

Very respectfully,

Vijay "VJ" Kapur
Commissioner, 5C07
Vice Chair + Treasurer
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5C

¹ At a duly noticed meeting with quorum present on October 18, 2023, ANC 5C unanimously adopted the *Resolution on Langdon Elementary Facilities Improvement* which states, in part, that ANC 5C "joins ANC 5B in requesting that DCPS immediately investigate provisioning a new temporary elementary school facility within central Ward 5, engage in active outreach on the topic with the Elementary School communities in Commission Areas 5B and 5C, and, if there are no nearby alternatives, release an RFP with sufficient time for construction of a new modular campus of the highest quality to be substantially complete in time for use during SY25-26" and "authorizes 5C07 Commissioner VJ Kapur to speak on behalf of the Commission in advocating for matters relating to this resolution, in cooperation with the sitting Langdon ES PTO Advocacy Committee Chair"

<https://www.anc-5c.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/ANC-5C-Resolution-on-Langdon-Elementary-Facilities-Improvement.pdf>

² <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LnA-Vp2xvbg6zoybFvewuX6GbBMMzH7d/view>