

Attn: Frederick L. Hill, Chairperson
Board of Zoning Adjustment
DC Office of Zoning
441 4th Street NW Suite 200S
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Letter in Support of BZA Application # 21400
Application of the Aidan Montessori School

Dear Chairman Hill and Members of the Board,

My name is Adam Conner. I am a parent of a student at Aidan Montessori School and a neighbor, living less than a block away on the corner of 28th and Woodley. I am writing to express my support for Aidan Montessori School's application in BZA Case No. 21400.

For as long as we have lived in Woodley Park, Aidan has been an exceptional neighbor and a genuine benefit to the community. While we have personally benefitted from sending our daughter to Aidan for the last three years, the neighborhood benefits immensely from having such a tremendous educational institution in our midst.

Beyond the classroom, Aidan contributes to the neighborhood in ways that matter. The school hosts community events that bring neighbors together. They have developed a pickup and drop-off system that is minimally disruptive to the surrounding streets. And there is real joy in hearing kids playing outside during the school day. It is a reminder that this is a family-friendly place.

As I understand it, the school is seeking an area variance from the zoning lot-occupancy requirements to improve and modernize its existing building. The variance would allow the school to remove the current entrance stair, create a fully accessible entrance, make accessibility improvements throughout the building, and update the school's layout to function better for students, staff, and families.

I support the requested area variance. These improvements address long-standing accessibility issues in an older building and allow the school to modernize in a thoughtful and reasonable way, while remaining compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. In my view, granting the variance would allow needed updates without creating negative impacts on the community.

I supported the construction of the new Wardman Park buildings, and this request is modest by comparison. I look forward to seeing these much-needed improvements implemented. I respectfully ask the Board to approve this application and support this important project.

Sincerely,



Adam Conner
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