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District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment
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Re: Letter in Support: St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School (BZA Case #17429B)

Dear Chair Pourciau and Members of the Board:

We are writing to express our enthusiastic support of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School's application to build a new middle school on its Whitehaven Campus.

Our family has a close perspective on the proposal. Our son attends St. Patrick's, and we live very near the school. We therefore view the project both as parents who care about the school's future and as neighbors who will experience its impact firsthand.

As parents, we see real value in bringing the middle school together with the Early Childhood and Lower School programs. A unified campus will create stronger connections among students, faculty, and families and give students in grades six through eight greater access to the fields, arts spaces, outdoor areas, and other resources already at Whitehaven.

Our support is not based only on what the project will mean for the school. We have also considered what it will mean for the surrounding neighborhood. Traffic, parking, construction activity, and the scale of the new building are legitimate concerns for those of us who live nearby.

We appreciate that St. Patrick's has taken those concerns very seriously and planned for them. The building has been designed with the site and neighboring properties in mind, and the school has developed specific plans for construction staging, contractor parking, traffic management, and continued communication with residents.

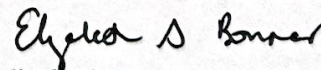
We recognize that construction will create some inconvenience. Because we live close by, that is something we have taken seriously in considering the proposal. On balance, however, we believe the long-term benefits of the project more than justify that temporary disruption.

For those reasons, we support the application and respectfully ask the Board to approve it.

Sincerely,



Paul Bonner



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