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Mr. Andrew Altman
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Director, Office of Planning
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Dear Mr. Altman:

Thank you for your recent update regarding the planned unit development (PUD) for the Arthur Capper and Carrollsburg public housing development in Southeast DC as part of a Hope VI Revitalization grant. We understand that the neighboring area is slated for major development, including a doubling of the number of residences and substantial office and retail development. This project surrounds Van Ness Elementary School and will have a substantial impact on the community. We will incorporate this redevelopment into our educational facility master planning efforts to ensure that the school continues to meet the needs of the community.

We further understand that an opportunity exists to formally incorporate the school site into the area denoting the PUD. This does not commit DCPS to any abrogation of rights regarding DCPS control and use of the site. However, it does afford us the opportunity to have the school's needs considered in the shaping of the ultimate development plans. We therefore request the inclusion of Van Ness Elementary School into the PUD site with the understanding that DCPS will retain all rights related to control and use of the site. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call Sarah Woodhead at 576-7718. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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