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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Shepherd Park Citizens Association (SPCA), we are writing to speak to Lowell School's involvement in and support of its surrounding community.

The Shepherd Park Citizens Association is an organization that serves the civic interests of certain northern sections of Ward 4 in northwest Washington. Our membership area, which includes the communities of Shepherd Park, Colonial Village, and North Portal Estates, encompasses about 1,500 homes. Lowell School is located within those boundaries.

As past, immediate past, and current presidents, we agree that Lowell School has been very supportive of the SPCA and its mission to maintain the integrity, quality of life, and safety of the neighborhoods within its membership area. The Lowell School campus, with spacious indoor and outdoor multi-purpose areas, is beautiful and well maintained. In addition, for the past several years, administrators have graciously opened their building and field to us for our annual community holiday dinners and our annual community picnic. They also have included their field in two of our annual garden tours, so that neighbors and garden lovers throughout the area can see the mini-ecosystem that serves as an outdoor learning laboratory for Lowell students. These popular events help to create a strong sense of community, which adds to the overall quality of life in Shepherd Park. We appreciate the school's willingness to share its resources with the surrounding community.

With respect to the planned expansion of the Lowell School facilities, The Head of School, Debbie Gibbs, has taken several steps to involve SPCA members in the process. She has attended at least two SPCA community meetings to provide information about the planned expansion and to address questions and concerns from neighboring residents and others in attendance at the meetings. SPCA members also have been invited to an expansion meeting that was held at the school.

If you have questions about this statement or our association, feel free to contact Rosalyn Coates, the current President, at RWIL730@aol.com or 202-829-6860.

Thank you.

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