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DC Zoning Board

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a resident at 3614 Quesada Street, NW and my home directly overlooks the Field of Dreams. As a resident whose property is adjacent to the school field, I have the opportunity to directly observe and hear people who are using the field. I am also one of the neighbors most impacted by the use of the field since students walk down the alleyway past my house to enter through the gate.

I am writing to support the school's use of the field, including on weekends. During school hours, the children are well behaved and the bright sounds of children playing and laughing are a welcome part of the neighborhood. Our family and the families of our neighbors also make use of the field after school hours and weekends.

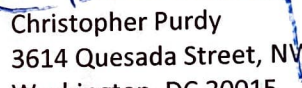
Access to the field on weekends is an important benefit for the neighborhood kids, all of whom are consistently behaved and low-key. On warmer days, this is a meeting spot for many neighbors to play soccer, frisbee, badminton, and football. This is a community building field.

The suggestion to increase the size of the fence around the field is something I strongly oppose. This would be an eyesore for me and my neighbors and probably decrease the property values of our homes for that reason.

Furthermore, the suggestion to have the current guard continue is something that does not make sense and which I oppose. I can attest that there are almost never people using this field after the appointed hours. On the rare occasion this happens, one of us neighbors simply lets them know and they cheerfully depart. Having a guard (who often sits on the bench in the field directly in front of my house) is both an inconvenience and an annoyance of my privacy because he can look into my house.

In short, I support the use of the field by the school and select neighbors.

With thanks,



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