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Re: Support for Holton-Arms School Special Exception Amendment

Dear Hearing Examiner,

As a resident of the neighborhood directly across River Road from Holton-Arms School and the parent of a current student, I am writing to express my strong support for the school's request to amend its special exception. The proposal, which includes a modest increase in student and camper enrollment and the opportunity to rent facilities to vetted outside organizations, is a balanced and thoughtful plan that will strengthen the school and benefit the community.

I live within the Al Marah community and on a road that leads to River Road in front of the campus entrance. Living so close to the campus I see the daily flow of traffic and school activity firsthand. In my experience, traffic related to Holton-Arms has been well-managed and has not negatively affected our neighborhood. Even during activity days at the school I am impressed that there is no impact on traffic in my neighborhood. The school's operations are organized and respectful, and I have every confidence that this request will not change that.

This amendment will allow Holton to continue providing exceptional educational opportunities to more young women and to responsibly expand its community partnerships through limited facility rentals. These are positive, forward-looking steps that align with the school's long history of stewardship and commitment to being a good neighbor.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to approve Holton-Arms School's amendment request.

Sincerely,

Tariye Gbadegesin