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By email: ozah@montgomerycountymd.gov

Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings
Montgomery County, Maryland
100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200
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Re: Special Exception Application of Holton-Arms School, Case No. CBA-1174-E

To the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings:

We are writing to express our strong support for Holton-Arms School's request for a Special Exception Major Modification.

This is our family's first year at Holton-Arms, and our daughters Clara and Sykes are both in the fifth grade. We came to the school after previously attending DC Public Schools, and one of the reasons we chose Holton was the sense of community and purpose we felt after hearing Head of School Penny Evins speak. We were impressed by the School's values and by the way the students represent the School as thoughtful, well-rounded young people. We also have a long family connection to Holton, as Adaire's great aunt attended the School many years ago.

Although we are obviously new to Holton's bus system, we have had very positive experiences with it so far. The stop in Spring Valley is very convenient for our family. The system works well, the bus tracking app is helpful, and the drivers have always been kind and attentive to the students' safety. When we accidentally signed up for the wrong bus stop on the first day, the transportation team quickly helped resolve the issue, which left us very impressed with how responsive the school is to families.

The bus option has also helped simplify our family's daily routine. The afternoon bus in particular saves us a significant amount of time and allows the girls to travel home with friends from our neighborhood. We know several other families

nearby whose children use the bus regularly, and we believe that as the School grows, even more families will take advantage of this option.

Overall, we have found Holton's transportation and daily operations to be well organized and thoughtfully managed.

Most importantly, we strongly support Holton's efforts to grow. We believe the School provides an exceptional educational environment for young women, and we would like to see as many students as possible have the opportunity to benefit from it. Expanding enrollment while continuing to offer transportation options like the bus will help more families in the region access the Holton experience.

For these reasons, we respectfully support Holton-Arms School's request for a Special Exception Major Modification.

Sincerely,



Adaire Plesnarski

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