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**Support: Special Exception Application of Holton-Arms School, Case No. CBA-1174-E**

To the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Holton-Arms School and its request for a special exception modification.

My family has had a long connection with Holton-Arms School. I am an alumna, and today two of my daughters attend the school- Keeley, who is in 8th grade, and Kearney, who is in 6th grade. Keeley began riding the Holton bus in 7th grade, and Kearney started using the bus program this year. Our experience with the transportation system has been overwhelmingly positive.

As a household with two working parents and children attending different schools, the Holton bus program has been essential for our family. Our daughters currently take the afternoon bus home, which allows us to manage demanding schedules that would otherwise be extremely difficult.

The bus service is also remarkably reliable. The buses run on time and there is a tracking app that allows parents to see exactly where the bus is during its route. This level of predictability is invaluable for working families and gives us confidence that our children are getting home safely and efficiently.

Beyond convenience, the bus program also creates a positive social environment for students. Our daughters enjoy the time they spend with classmates on the ride home, including students in other grades and girls who live in our area whom they may not otherwise know. In our case, the bus stop is located at Brookville Market, which provides a safe and welcoming location where students can wait briefly and grab a snack if parents are delayed. Holton clearly put thought into selecting locations that are both practical and safe.

Having experienced Holton as both a student and a parent, I can say that a bus system like this would have been life-changing when I attended the school. Today it plays a critical role in making attendance possible for many families.

For these reasons, I strongly support Holton-Arms' request for a special exception modification. Expanding enrollment while continuing to encourage transportation options such as the bus program is a thoughtful approach that supports students and families while helping manage transportation to campus.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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