

Jennifer Windom

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By email: ozah@montgomerycountymd.gov

Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings
Montgomery County, Maryland
100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: SUPPORT for Special Exception Application of Holton-Arms School, Case No. CBA-1174-E

To the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings:

I am writing to share our family's positive experience with Holton-Arms' bus transportation program.

My 8th grade and 7th grade daughters ride the Cleveland Park/Spring Valley bus route to and from school. The stop is located at the end of our street, which makes the system extremely convenient for our family. Although the girls began attending Holton in 3rd and 4th grade, they have been riding the bus for the past two years after previously participating in a carpool.

The bus has made a tremendous difference for our family's daily schedule. Because the girls can walk to the stop and board the bus at about 7:20 each morning, my husband and I are able to head directly to work in Washington, DC instead of spending significant time driving to campus. In practical terms, the bus saves our family about an hour each day during the morning commute. The ride itself is efficient, typically about twenty minutes, and the reliability of the system gives us confidence that the girls will arrive on time.

Beyond convenience, the bus has become an important part of the girls' social experience. Many of their friends ride the same route, and they enjoy the time together each day. Even on days when we could drive them, the girls usually prefer to take the bus.

We have also been very impressed with the drivers and the care they show for the students. I have personally seen drivers make sure traffic is fully stopped before allowing students to cross and even wait when a parent was running slightly late to ensure that a younger student was picked up. The availability of the late bus for after-school activities has also been very helpful.

Overall, the Holton bus program has been reliable, safe, and extremely beneficial for our family. It allows working parents like us to manage demanding schedules while ensuring our daughters can fully participate in school life. For these reasons, I strongly support the ability for Holton-Arms' transportation plan to accommodate the additional student body requested in the special exception modification request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer S. Windom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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