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September 26, 2022

Dear Neighbors,

As the fall season begins and we launch another school year, I wanted to reach out to you directly with an update on our continued work in connection with the Maret athletic field project at the ECC. As we indicated to both ANC 3/4G and the Board of Zoning Adjustment, we are very grateful for the time, consideration, and thoughtful input provided by members of the community throughout the review and approval process. This feedback led to several modifications in direct response to neighbors' concerns that strengthened our proposal. At the same time, we understand that some members of the community may continue to have questions and concerns about the project – and accordingly, consistent with our commitment to ongoing collaboration, we remain willing to meet with neighbors, civic organizations, and community groups to discuss the project, either in person or virtually.

As we noted last spring, construction of the fields is still several months away. Nonetheless, you may have noticed activity on the campus over the past few months. ECC has begun interior renovations to modernize their buildings in anticipation of reopening their trusted treatment program for children coping with emotional challenges. And members of the Maret team have been carefully caring for several heritage trees located throughout the site that will be preserved as part of our project. In early 2023, we plan to remove the other trees from the site and relocate four of the heritage trees, consistent with our Tree Preservation Plan which has been reviewed and approved by the District's Urban Forestry Division.

As part of our comprehensive agreement with ANC 3/4G, we are offering to conduct a pre-construction survey to provide a baseline condition assessment of your property. If you would like to have your home surveyed, please e-mail us at ecc-maretfields@maret.org no later than October 11, 2022. We will follow up directly with those who elect to participate to coordinate scheduling.

As we have noted from the outset of this effort, all of us at Maret are excited about this opportunity to become active and contributing members to the Chevy Chase community. Over the coming months, we will continue to work closely with ANC 3/4G and will provide regular updates to you and your neighbors to ensure that community stakeholders are kept informed of our progress at the ECC site. If you have any questions, please contact us at ecc-maretfields@maret.org.

Sincerely,



Marjo Talbott
Head of School