

City of Miami Beach Planning Board
c/o Mr. Thomas Mooney, Planning Director
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach FL, 33139

June 23, 2023

RE:
PB20-0362
Application for Modification of Conditional Use Permit

Dear Board Chair Elias, Vice-chair Bhatt, and esteemed planning-board members,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of Lehrman Community Day School. Before you is a request for a modification to the previously approved Conditional Use Permit for the school.

Four of my children attend Lehrman, and since leaving the planning board in January, I have joined the Board of the school and together with several other parents we have attempted to help guide the expansion of the campus.

It is a unique campus situated in a multifamily district, where the internal logistics of running the day to day operations of the school, meet with a tight urban context.

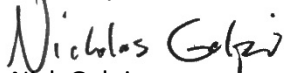
The expansion of our school, designed by renowned NC Office Architects, has helped to alleviate several of the congestion points both from a programming perspective as well as in relation to internal security, and better circulation for pickup and drop-off.

This request for a modification to the existing CUP will allow the school to incorporate the adjacent property located at 7720 Dickens avenue to the overall campus plan. This neighboring parcel is a crucial addition to the campus plan, allowing the new operations to be better serviced from this location.

Please refer to the operations plan in the schools application for details, but having been in your position before, I want to assure you I see no detrimental impact to the surrounding area. In fact this addition is a necessary step to reduce our impact on the neighborhood, and better serve the community who are our neighbors, as well as improving the internal operations of the school.

I respectfully urge you to approve this request, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Nick Gelpi

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Former Vice Chair Miami Beach Planning Board*