



THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

**Testimony of LANDMARK WEST!
Certificate of Appropriateness Committee
Before the Landmarks Preservation Commission
18 West 89th Street, 17-19 West 88th Street, 21 West 88th Street
October 17th, 2017**

LANDMARK WEST! is a not-for-profit community organization committed to the preservation of the architectural heritage of the Upper West Side.

The Certificate of Appropriateness Committee wishes to comment on the application to perform excavation, construct rooftop and rear yard additions, and to alter the areaway at 18 West 89th Street, 17-19 West 88th Street, and 21 West 88th Street.

The LANDMARK WEST! C of A Committee does not oppose the proposed rear yard or rooftop additions, and recognizes the applicant's good judgement in using variant materials to visually differentiate these new segments from the structure of the original landmark.

However, although the proposed alterations in and of themselves may seem largely reasonable, viewed in the broader context of the Dwight School's past and continuing expansion, these alterations join others to form a bigger question—do these collective changes overwhelm the context? In efforts to keep institutional creep in check, and to insure the preservation of the character of this historic neighborhood, we would recommend the applicant create a masterplan to govern future growth.

LANDMARK WEST!'s Certificate of Appropriateness Committee supports this application.

Thank you for your consideration.