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Commissioner President Reuben Collins,

Good afternoon Commissioner,

My name is Sean Heyl and I have been an educator in Charles County for 27 years and the President of EACC for three years. I am writing today in regard to the proposed superintendent's budget.

There are a couple of things that I would ask you to consider on this budget. The first is that the percentage given to educators has decreased from over 50% to around 41%. While maintenance of effort has been maintained for the most part, there has been a decline given to support education. As we enter an era of transformation with the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, it's imperative that our county leaders fully fund the negotiated agreements and the school systems expansion of programs in alignment with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future. This is the time when education needs more support, not minimal support.

The Superintendent's budget provides necessary support for both teacher recruitment and retention to ensure a professional, capable staff to support student learning, while adding the positions and supports necessary to help our special populations. It highlights the Blueprint for Maryland's Future's attention to both pre-K and Career & College Readiness expansion and elevates access to transformational community schools.

Show your willingness to support a world class education for all Charles County students by providing both their educators and the school system the resources they deserve. Please fully fund the negotiated agreements and the school systems expansion of programs in alignment with the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

Thank you for time and attention in this matter,

-Sean Heyl
President of EACC

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