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County Commissioner,

I have been an elementary teacher in Charles County for the last 11 years. I have watched teachers come and teachers go. I have great passion for teaching and take great pride in my work. I also think about leaving the profession that I love regularly. I know that I can make more money with my same degree outside of public education. Working a highly stressful job, tutoring several evenings a week, and still struggling to keep all my basic bills up to date is not something I will continue to do. I can't. The saying goes 'teachers don't do it for the money' and it is true but I did expect to be able to support myself and my children.

When you don't fully find the budget for our schools, your actions tell us in our education that you don't respect us as professionals. Our students are needing more and more support and we, teachers, feel like we are getting less and less support. I want to do everything possible for my students. I want to save them all. I want to foster a live-blogged of learning in a safe and nurturing environment. My hands and arms are often so full that I can't be the teacher I want to be or the teacher so many of them desperately need. I know the circumstances are unprecedented but I also believe that you can and will, if you work as hard as us teachers at solving problems and making something great from nothing, you can do this for Charles County's future.

The Board of County Commissioners has historically provided solid funding for the students and employees of the Charles County Public School system, and I'm appreciative that my commitment to a quality education for every child is echoed by our elected officials. As an educator, having the resources I need to effectively do my job ensures that every student in our community can be a success.

To continue that vision together, I ask that you fully fund the Superintendent's budget request for the upcoming fiscal year. Now, more than ever, we've seen the impact that public

education has on our community, and we need to make sure that every resource is at our disposal to maximize the education and services we provide to the students and residents of Charles County.

I know that the current times are challenging for many, but I also know that the longer-term vision of what Charles County is, and can be, is important in moving through – and beyond – the current crisis. We start to fulfill a positive vision, together, when we put resources where they are most needed. Fully fund CCPS to show that you, too, are for our students.

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