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From: Sent: To: Subject: Andrew Shanbarger <info@email.actionnetwork.org> Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:00 PM Public Record Fully Fund CCPS!

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County Commissioner,

In addition to the general letter below, which I agree with completely, I would like to add some personal thoughts. By fully funding the CCPS budget request you are allowing CCPS to hire and maintain quality educators. The EACC and CCPS have come to a Tenative Agreement. EACC has significantly lowered their requests this year in acknowledgment of the current fiscal times. I believe that this is a MINIMUM that could be provided and still continue to provide your constituents with the BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION in these troubling times.

"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. #EACC4OurStudents"

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~Andrew Shanbarger, Educator, Parent, Tax Payer, Voter.

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