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County Commissioner,

As a veteran teacher, as well as a graduate, of Charles County Public Schools, the need for a fully funded budget is greater now than it ever has been. Our county has got to find a way to retain our quality teachers and one way to do this is through supporting their salaries. Teachers today are giving more and more of their personal time and money to their classrooms and their students while taking invaluable memories from their families (we have difficulty finding time to be with our families, nevertheless having the financial ability to provide more than just the essentials of living).

In addition to teacher pay being at risk, other student funding is also at risk. Our students need equality as it is related to technology. During this time away from school, it is unfortunate that the more privileged children are the ones receiving actual instruction from their teachers virtually, while underprivileged students are "learning" from paper. This is just one way in which our county has got to do better for our students and schools.

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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