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County Commissioner,

Hello! I am a teacher at one of our county's Title I schools and I am a part of the EACC. Can you really put a price on staff morale and their livelihood? What are your priorities? Not as a group but as individuals? Because your individual values are what you bring to the table. Can you put a price on each student and say "You are only worth this much?" I understand budgets, but what about enabling teachers to provide for themselves and their families financially while they pour out their emotional, physical, and mental capabilities for every student that walks through their door. Have you ever been in our shoes? Did you tough it out once and say if you could do it then we should too? We are saturated in the knowledge that each student is different. Individual. And teachers are too. So how can we all be expected to just "make it" with what little we are given compared to what we give each school day. Do you know our stories?

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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