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County Commissioner,

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.

There has been talk that the you, the commissioners, are arguing that Dr. Hill's budget does not need to be funded because the school board has the money to handle the budget themselves. I urge you to keep in mind the unexpected financial costs that the county has the potential to have come next school year. CCPS has done an excellent job providing technology to students during this crisis, however there is a significant chance that some of that technology will have to be replaced, otherwise schools will NOT have the ability to do things like test or provide technology based education. In addition, not knowing what the next school year will look like yet, a fully funded budget is necessary for the county to have the ability to open schools in the safest way possible for staff and most importantly our students.

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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