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County Commissioner,

I understand, as do all of us, that times are very challenging. But I see how not fully funding CCPS would make challenging times disastrous. Never before have we seen a better example of how our schools really are the backbone of the community, the county, and the economy. We provide a safe and enriching environment for the children so their families can work knowing they are safe and cared for. We provide meals and an untold number of services to families in crisis (financial and otherwise). And the fact is that we cannot do this monumental task without being fully funded.

Prior to the pandemic we teachers were bartering in the hallways to secure tissues and paper towels, and bringing soap from home. Classes numbers were exploding although building space and number of teachers remained limited.

We were already doing more with less. I do not see how having even less will enable us to provide the safe class sizes that will be critical. I can't see how stretched budgets pushed even further will alleviate the need for basic supplies.

We are already rationing paper and ink, finding space and a chair to squeeze in one more student, and buying soap, paper towels, pencils and glue ourselves. Please fully fund us so that we have a fighting chance to continue to fight this fight without it costing us, and our precious young students and their families, our health.

As we open back up our buildings and strive to do so in a healthy way please fully fund the Superintendent's budget request for the upcoming fiscal year. Schools are the touchpoint for our communities. We have always had the back of the communities and the children we serve. Please have our back as well.

Thank you for your time in reading this. I know time is a scarce commodity as well. I hope you and your family are safe and well.

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