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County Commissioner,

I'm a traveling music teacher in the county teaching string instruments at several schools. I mostly teach beginners in their first year with the instrument but also help ay Northpoint Highschool and at Stoddert and Mathew Henson Middle Schools. I know when the money gets tight arts are one of the first things to get eliminated but you need to know that for some students the instrumental music classes are the reason why they like coming to school. 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

No matter what you decide God Bless You!

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