Carol DeSoto

From: Jennifer Summers <jmines@kent.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 1:38 PM

To: Public Record **Subject:** Fully Fund CCPS!

[External Content Warning] This message is from an external sender. Please exercise caution when opening attachments and hover over any links before clicking.

County Commissioner,

Hello, my name is Jennifer Summers. I am a Kindergarten teacher at Jenifer Elementary in Charles County, and this is my 13th year living and teaching in the county. I originally moved to Maryland from Ohio because of stronger schools and better career opportunities, and we need to continue to support and foster strong schools in Charles County.

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 really think that teachers have stepped up during this closure of schools, and I see families who are extra appreciative of what teachers do each and every day now that they are providing a lot of instruction at home.

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

Thanks for your time, Jennifer Summers

Jennifer Summers jmines@kent.edu 6712 Flying Squirrel Ct. Waldorf, Maryland 20603