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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.

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. It's easy to put a post on Facebook saying that you support teachers, but if you truly want to call us "heroes" and talk about how we should be supported, this is your chance to really show us with your actions. Words WILL NOT keep teachers in this county. A large majority of teachers from this county are not from this area, and if they do not feel fully supported by the county, they find it easier to move on. Every time you choose to not fund our education, you are hurting the students, and in turn hurting the future success of Charles County.

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