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County Commissioner,

After teaching in Catholic schools for many years, I finally made the jump to public schools and ended up in Charles County. It was the best decision I ever made. I teach inclusion Kindergarten at Arthur Middleton Elementary, and feel very fortunate to be in such a wonderful place surrounded by the most dedicated, professional, and caring educators. We go to work every day and do our best to educate the children of Charles County. Thank you for your past support of our school system. Please continue to support our schools by fully funding our Superintendent's budget request. Without this funding, the dedicated educators in this county will not be able to meet the needs of our deserving students.

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. #EACC4OurStudents

With gratitude and respect, Kristi Byers

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