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County Commissioner,

As a high school teacher, I've seen the direct impact that low funding has on our students- more of them fail their classes and "slip through the cracks" when too many students are in each classroom. Now, more than ever, our students need the positive adult interactions they receive at school. They need teachers that aren't burnt out from working a side job because housing in Charles County is expensive. They need extracurricular activities that connect them with their peers. I remember the days when CCPS had activity busses after school, and how much it leveled the playing field for the students that didn't have rides home to play a sport or get help with a class.

Our administrators are already worried about the toll that the shutdown of teacher fairs will have on acquiring quality teachers, and a limited budget will add to that turmoil. The children and young adults of Charles County are counting on you to fund their schools, so that they have a safe and positive environment to return to in the fall after months of isolation and worry.

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

Thank you for your consideration,

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