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County Commissioner,

Greetings,

My name is Lauren Ball and I teach at North Point High School. This is my 29th year teaching for Charles County Public Schools. I have devoted my entire career to this county, as has my husband. I have a junior in high school and a recent graduate as well.

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

As I near retirement and am at the top of the payscale, I, nor my husband, no longer receive step increases. This COLA would really help in our quest for retirement.

Thank you, Lauren Ball

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