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County Commissioner,

I think it's time for us to call it how we see it, while no one expected these last few months to play out this way the nation as a whole has seen just how important teachers are. This funding isn't for pretty pens or extra unnecessary items, this money it to make sure we do not have 30 five year olds who have no idea how to read, write, cut, or even use the bathroom properly on their own. My home school is currently in a position where that is going to be the case. We are losing staffing based on projected numbers and have been told that if the numbers get high it's very likely we will NOT get additional staff members. I invite you in any day of the week to come into my kindergarten class and watch the strategic organization that it takes to teach these small humans and have them reading and writing come first grade. THIS is the bare minimum needed in a "normal" setting of society and unfortunately we know everything is no longer normal. This money is literally to fund our future, with no bells and whistles... just the basic necessities for a honest, solid education.

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.

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