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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 a building Principal, having the resources that I need as well as the classroom teachers need to effectively do our jobs ensures that every student in our community can be a success. My family has lived in Charles County for the last 34 years. I have watched numerous families move to Charles County mainly for the quality schools that we have been able to maintain. I worry that things are going to change drastically if the schools are not fully funded.

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced our educators to work harder through distance learning to ensure that quality lessons continue to be provided to our students through remote learning. The schools have had to provide numerous families technological devices simply to access the educational materials and to allow the distance learning model to be supported. It takes a strong teacher to teach in a classroom each day. It takes a highly skilled teacher to develop and enhance lessons through a distance learning model. If we are going to keep our highly qualified teachers and attract highly qualified new teachers, we must continue to compete with the surrounding counties in funding our schools.

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

Sincerely,

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