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County Commissioner,

Hello,

My name is Rebecca Gibson, I am the mother of 2 wonderful small children, and for the last 8 years, the physics teacher at La Plata High School. The end of this school year has not been easy on anyone, and as teachers, we understand the struggles both our students, and our communities as going through during this time. We see it everyday first hand. As teachers we are trained to listen and understand our students, and we don't have to be in the same room as them to know how this quarantine is changing their lives. I hear the sorrow in my seniors about their last quarter of school, I see the struggle of getting the assignments completed while helping and watching siblings, and I see the disconnect from students who have poor or no internet connection. As teachers, we gather up all these problems, like parents, and we do our absolute best to reassure our students, that regardless of all the changes and problems, it is going to be ok. We understand the problem of funding the community faces, we 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 the physical, social, and mental development of our students, 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 and teachers.

Thank you,

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