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County Commissioner,

Hi! I am Traci Davis. I work at William A. Diggs Elementary School as a Kindergarten teacher for the past 7 years.

I have also worked at Indian Head for 9 years as a Pre-K, 3rd and 2nd grade teacher in Charles County. I have been teaching in this area for 16 years. This area has grown on me. I am originally from the Pittsburgh area. As a teacher in this county, I have taught some wonderful students. I love getting hugs from my students and love hearing how they are doing as they graduate from the counties local high schools. I am such a proud teacher. As a teacher, we need you to support the Superintendent's budget.

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.

I have spent paychecks on school supplies on my own classroom. I shouldn't have to. I live paycheck to paycheck as a single teacher. I should be able to live in a nice place. Rent is expensive and I am so over the roommates as a 45 year old teacher. I need a living wage in order to live around this area or in the next year or two, I will have to find another teaching position else where so that I can afford an area to live at. You will lose a qualified and supportive teacher who lives for her students. My students love me and want me to stay in the area to see them grow.

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

Thanks,
Sincerely,
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