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County Commissioner,

Hello,

My name is Will Lewis and I am a social studies teacher at St. Charles High School. This is my 8th year teaching with CCPS. More than ever, our school system is working to meet the needs of our students. Students are provided with meals each day, work packets, and some were given computers and wifi access during this difficult time. CCPS is working harder than ever to meet the needs of all stakeholders. Dr. Hill, with the current economic climate in mind, thoughtfully reviewed her budget request to only include what was most essential to meeting the needs of all stakeholders in CCPS. While previous budgets have been described as a "wish list", Dr. Hill carefully evaluated the needs of our system and only requested what she felt to be most urgent and necessary.

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.

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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

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