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Public Hearing Comment Form

Questions or More Information (301) 645-0570 A public hearing on the FY2021 Operating and Capital Budget Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2020. The meeting will be held remotely via video teleconference. This virtual hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged. Comments are accepted using this form May 5, 2020 8 a.m. through May 11, 2020 5 p.m.

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Comment

As a new teacher in Charles County, I humbly request the Commissioners fully fund the CCPS budget for the next fiscal year. I am a product of Charles County Public Schools and am proud to now say I am teaching in the county I was raised in. Teaching was not my first career, nor my second. After working in Human Resources for over twenty years and on my family's farm, I was ready for a new adventure. Teaching has definitely been an adventure! I am proud to be the Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE) teacher in Charles County. CASE is a new CTE pathway in our county and, like any new program, it needs additional resources to be successful for our students. In particular, my program really needs a greenhouse to be successful and be competitive with the other CASE programs in the State. However, I am just one teacher out of over 2,000 teachers in the county. I do not expect the county or CCPS to pay for a greenhouse because I know how expensive they are and, quite honestly, I would be selfish asking CCPS to fund this

project. I am willing, and have been over the past year, applying for grants and looking at different opportunities to acquire the needed funds to construct a greenhouse for the CASE students. You see, we teachers are pretty savvy. We do not expect everything to be handed to us. We are willing to put in hours longer than are contractually agreed upon. We want the absolute best for our students and are willing to be creative to find solutions to potential road blocks in student learning. One road block right now is the fiscal budget for CCPS for next year. I am asking the Commissioners to please fully fund the budget. Funding the budget means teachers will receive a small increase in pay, a COLA. Please show your support for our teachers! We have demonstrated our flexibility and ability to adapt with distance learning. We make it work because we care for our students. Show us you care and appreciate us by fully funding the CCPS budget.

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