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#### **FY2022 Operating and Capital Budget Public Hearing**

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##### **Comment**

Commissioners, I am writing to advocate for an increase in the allotment to CCCPS for the 2022-2023 Operating Budget. During the last year, we have all faced a number of challenges because of COVID-19. We have done our best to provide a quality education in light of the circumstances. Our teachers and staff have gone above and beyond their normal responsibilities with out additional compensation. In addition, these challenges have increased the number of mental health concerns among our students and staff. This budget request includes money that would allow us to raise our teacher starting salaries and include 12 mental health-related positions such as counselors and school psychologists who will help support our children and staff. The current 3.9 million funding increase only allows CCPS to maintain current operations. It does not allow us to provide competitive salaries to offer to a shrinking pool of teachers. Maryland continues to be a import state and we are struggling to hire teachers. Please consider funding the school system an additional 4 million dollars so that we can hire the teachers we need, provide adequate compensation for our staff, and includes additional positions to address the mental health issues we face.

Sincerely, Virginia R. McGraw Vice Chairman, CCPS Board of Education

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**Charles County, MD**

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