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County Commissioner,

I am an 8th grade social studies teacher at Theodore G. Davis Middle School. I am also the department chair and the History Day coordinator, and I was on the team that developed the current 8th grade social studies curriculum, I created half of the 8th grade social studies home and hospital curriculum and I am helping develop EBAS practice questions for the new state test. More importantly, I am passionate about my school and the Charles County community, and I hope to one day enroll my future children in Charles County Public Schools.

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.

My students and coworkers deserve the best, and you have the power to help make that happen. Special educators should not be drowning under an unmanageable work load. Instructional assistants should not be constantly pulled from classes to cover a substitute shortage. Teachers should not go without an agreed upon pay raise because our service is not valued enough.

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.

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