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**SUBJECT: Fully Fund CCPS FY27 Budget**

Dear [County Commissioner],

I am writing as an educator in Charles County Public Schools to urge you to fully fund the FY27 CCPS budget request.

Charles County ranks 4th in property wealth and 1st in income wealth in Maryland, yet 14th in education funding. We are also serving more students in poverty and receiving special education services than neighboring counties like St. Mary's and Calvert.

Maintenance of Effort is the legal minimum—it should be the floor, not the ceiling. It does not reflect rising inflation or the increasing costs of educating students with greater needs.

The current budget funds Dr. Navarro's request at 98.65%. I am asking you to fund it at 100%. That remaining 1.35% represents real classroom resources, staffing, and student opportunities.

We are already seeing the impact of underfunding in our schools. Further cuts are not sustainable.

Please fully fund CCPS for the students and educators of Charles County.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your School / Position]

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