May 2, 2024

Frederick County Board of Education

191 East St.

Frederick, MD 21710

Dear Frederick County Board of Education Members,

As a parent of a child enrolled [insert school name], I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed changes to charter school funding. The withholding of 25% of foundational funding for district costs “not allocable to schools” contradicts the intent of the Blueprint, which was to ensure that financial resources follow the students.

Charter schools face unique challenges compared to traditional schools, including the lack of access to capital funding. Unlike traditional schools, charter schools must allocate a significant portion of their funding to facilities and maintenance costs, diverting resources from instructional programs.

FCPS's plan to withhold funds for district-wide facility maintenance and administrative expenses contradicts charter contracts and regulations that state charters are responsible for facility upkeep. Applying the 25% withholding to transportation funding also goes against legal precedent and could negatively impact students' access to necessary services.

I urge you to reconsider these funding changes and work toward a solution that supports the needs of all students in Frederick County. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

[Parent's Name]

[Parent's Address]

[City, State, Zip]