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 at [insert school name], I urge you to consider freezing charter school funding changes for one year to allow time for thoughtful planning and adjustments.

The proposed funding cuts threaten the sustainability of charter schools and could lead to immediate damage, such as school closures and financial deficits. These changes would harm teachers, students, and the entire community.

FCPS's plan to withhold funds for district-wide facility maintenance and administrative expenses contradicts charter contracts and regulations. It is essential that these decisions are made transparently and collaboratively with charter operators and community stakeholders.

I also encourage FCPS to consider the approach taken by Prince George's County, which granted its charter schools a one-year “hold harmless” period to refine their Blueprint implementation. This approach could help avoid unnecessary harm to students and staff.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter. I hope you will take steps to protect the future of charter schools in Frederick County.

Sincerely,

[Parent's Name]

[Parent's Address]

[City, State, Zip]