April 30, 2024

Frederick County Board of Education

191 East St.

Frederick, MD 21710

Dear Frederick County Board of Education Members,

As a [teacher] at [Monocacy  Valley / Carroll Creek] Montessori Public Charter School, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to charter school funding. These changes threaten the sustainability of our schools and could negatively impact teaching and learning environments.

I urge you to consider freezing charter school funding changes for one year to allow time for thoughtful planning and adjustments. This pause will provide the opportunity to develop a plan that ensures stable funding for charter schools and preserves our ability to offer high-quality education to students.

The proposed funding cuts may lead to staff reductions, program limitations, and school closures, which would harm both teachers and students. We already operate on tight budgets, and further reductions could jeopardize the success of our schools.

If charter schools are forced to close, students will return to their district-assigned schools, which are often already over capacity. This would exacerbate overcrowding issues and place additional strain on teachers and resources.

I encourage collaboration between the charter schools and the Board of Education to find a compromise that supports the diverse needs of all students in Frederick County. By working together, we can uphold the principles of the Maryland Blueprint and provide the best possible education for our students.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,

[Staff member Name]

[Position/job title]

[Charter School Name]