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Dear Staff of Frederick County Public Schools,

Please consider the following quote:

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." -Desmond Tutu

Thank you for participating in Frederick County's 2020 annual Combined Charities Campaign ("Campaign"). Your generous contributions last year resulted in a donation totaling \$55,563. We are extremely proud of the contributions you all make each day to benefit our students and we are equally proud of your support of our neediest students and families through your donations to the Campaign.

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed even greater strain on our community's most vulnerable students and families. Now more than ever, the Combined Charities Campaign is an opportunity for us to show Frederick County that we care about our community and that our children and families have many heroes reaching down to lift them up.

Our goal this year is to model the FCPS tradition of supporting our community by increasing the number of employees who contribute. We are encouraging every FCPS staff member to give, even if you contribute \$1. We have many worthy non-profit agencies that have made a huge difference for our students and their families during the pandemic from which to choose. Many local agencies that provide services and support directly to FCPS students and families would benefit from your contribution.

The Campaign is completely online this year. Please take a few minutes to review the list of agencies participating in this year's Campaign at this link: <u>https://unitedwayfrederick.org/ccc</u>. When you find an agency that supports the causes and issues that matter to you, please make a donation. There are two ways you can give: 1) credit or debit card or 2) payroll deduction. The donation forms can also be found at the above link.

Payroll deduction is the preferred giving method as you can decide how much, when and how often you want to give. You can designate up to five agencies on a single form and spread your giving throughout the year. Deductions will begin in January 2021. Please remember to add your employee ID number to the online payroll deduction form.

We sincerely hope each of you will give generously. On behalf of every child and every family who will benefit from your generosity, we thank you for your support and compassion.

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