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State Public Charter School Authority Board Members,

Doral Academy has relied on ESSR/ARC funds over the last year. We are an arts integrated school and many of our families are GIG workers and due to the shutdown of many of the shows in town, they have been out of work. Therefore, Doral has provided technology, learning resources, materials, textbooks, and hot spots to those students out of those funds. Without these funds moving forward, I'm extremely concerned that won't be able to continue to offer those supports or replace technology and materials for our students next year. Additionally, we have seen an increase in the amount of social emotional support that we have need to provide to our students and families as well as teachers and even administrators. Our school counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists have been instrumental in providing this support. This continued support is vital to our campuses and school communities. Without these funds, these positions could be jeopardized.

Additionally, we know that the pandemic and virtual teaching has created educational gaps among all students. These funds will provide curriculum and teacher and Instructional Aid support for our students to address these gaps as well as ensure student's instructional needs are met at all levels.

I beg of you to ensure that these funds are provided to schools such as Doral Academy to ensure we can support our families and teachers.

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