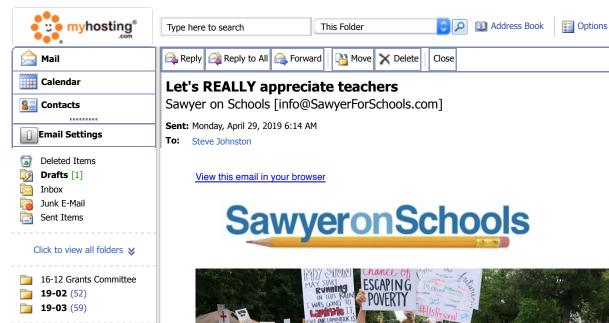
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2018 Teacher Rally in Raleigh. I'll be back in Raleigh standing with teachers on May 1, 2019.

Let's REALLY Appreciate Teachers

While May 6-10 is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Coffee cups and gift cards are great, but our teachers need more systemic appreciation. On Wednesday, May 1st teachers from across North Carolina will once again gather in Raleigh to 'use their teacher voices' to advocate for strong schools. Even if you can't make it to Raleigh, please join me in making a donation to support the teacher advocacy.

CMS teacher, Justin Parmenter explains the importance May 1 in his article published in Education Week: <u>A Letter to N.C. Students: Here's Why Your Teachers Are Marching</u>.

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a budget request to the County. The amendment I offered redirects funds requested for 25 additional School Resource Officers to student support services including social workers, psychologists, counselors, and parent advocates. The amendment passed 6-3.

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Many thanks to all who spoke and wrote to the Board to support student social and emotional health over SROs.

The CMS budget has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners and we hope that the County will fully fund the CMS request. The County will hold a public hearing on the budget on May 9th at 6 pm.

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