



Thank you for taking time to share your opinions about the Cape Elizabeth school buildings. The input of every resident is critically important to help us develop a school buildings proposal that will best serve the entire Cape Elizabeth community. Please know that your responses will remain ***strictly confidential*** – only Portland Research Group will review your individual responses. **To minimize town expenses**, please fill out the survey online at: www.CapeSBACSurvey.com. Every person in your household who is currently 18 years of age or older can complete the survey whether they voted in November 2022 or not. Thank you for your feedback!

1. **We’d like to understand what you liked and did not like about the \$115.9 million school buildings bond proposal presented in the November 2022 election. Did you vote on it and if so, were you in favor of it or against it?** *(Please select one response – keep in mind your responses are confidential. No matter what your response, we still want your opinions – it is critical to the success of the project)*

- Voted in favor of it
 Did not vote
 Prefer not to answer
 Voted against it
 Not aware of it/ Not a resident then/ Not old enough then

2. **What were the first, second and third most influential reasons for your vote (in favor or against) or your decision not to vote on the school buildings proposal in the November 2022 election?** *(Please enter your response below)*

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

3. **Regarding the November 2022 school buildings referendum, please indicate the extent to which you feel negative or positive, if either, about each of the following aspects.** *(Please circle one rating for each)*

	<u>Very Negative</u>				<u>Neutral</u>				<u>Very Positive</u>	
a. Exterior design of the proposed buildings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b. Overall cost of \$115.9 million	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c. Size of the buildings for the student enrollment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d. Interior layouts or design	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
e. Feeling informed about the proposal	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f. Classroom technology	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
g. Flow inside the buildings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
h. New systems: plumbing, HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning), electrical, etc., to minimize annual repair costs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
i. Impact on property taxes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
j. Confidence in the proposed cost estimate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
k. Vehicle traffic flow	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

4. If a revised school building proposal was to be presented, what changes or conditions would increase your likelihood to support it? *(Please enter your response below)*

5. To what extent are you not concerned or concerned, if at all, about the current condition of the Cape Elizabeth school buildings? *(Please circle one rating for each)*

	<u>Not at All Concerned</u>				<u>Neutral</u>			<u>Very Concerned</u>		
a. Physical structure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b. Functionality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

6. Please explain your rating of not being concerned or being concerned about the current condition of the school buildings. *(Please enter your response below)*

7. Considering various options, please rate how not important or important you feel it is that the elementary and middle school buildings offer the following features. *(Please circle one rating for each)*

	<u>Not at All Important</u>				<u>Neutral</u>			<u>Very Important</u>		
a. Modern learning environment	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b. Separate cafeterias for elementary and middle school students (shared kitchen)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c. Space for athletic programs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d. Maximizes natural light inside	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
e. Increased classroom size (square footage)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f. Standard auditorium (fits student body - 450)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
g. Meet current safety standards	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
h. Space for music/ arts programs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
i. Larger auditorium to fit Community Events (650)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
j. Environmentally sensitive features	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
k. Air quality	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

8. What other features, not listed above in Question 7, if any, would you like our school buildings to provide? *(Please enter your response below)*

9. Where did you obtain information about the school buildings proposal? *(Please select all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Courier Articles | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Project Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Mailers to homes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Courier Letters to the Editor | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Forums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Courier Paid Advertisements | <input type="checkbox"/> Friends/ Relatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media (Facebook, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Tours | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Please specify)</i> : _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Did not obtain any information |

10. How would you prefer to receive information about the work of the School Building Advisory Committee (SBAC)? (Please enter your response below)

11. What information about the school buildings proposal, if any, do you feel was missing at the time of the November 2022 referendum? (Please enter your response below)

12. Do you feel the sizes of the school buildings proposed in November 2022 were...? (Please select one response)

- Too big About the right size Too small No opinion

13. Should a proposal for the school buildings focus on...? (Please select one response)

- New construction only Renovation and new construction Renovation only No opinion

14. To what extent did the pending property tax revaluation impact, if at all, your opinion about the school buildings project? (Please circle on rating)

Greatly Increases
My Opposition

1

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No Impact

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Greatly Increases
My Support

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15. Into which of the following broad categories does your total annual property tax bill fall? Please keep in mind annual property taxes are paid in two installments. (Please select one response)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0.00 (I don't pay Cape Elizabeth taxes) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$8,000 to less than \$10,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1 to less than \$2,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 to less than \$15,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 to less than \$4,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 to less than \$20,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$4,000 to less than \$6,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$6,000 to less than \$8,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

16. Based on your understanding of the needs of the school buildings in Cape Elizabeth, what level of property tax increase, if any, would you support for these needs? (Please select one response)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 0% (I am not willing to support a tax increase for this project) | <input type="checkbox"/> 20% or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 5% | <input type="checkbox"/> I would pay whatever is needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5% to less than 10% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure at this time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10% to less than 15% | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15% to less than 20% | |

Some Information about You (This information will help us with our analysis, but will not be used to identify you in any way. Your responses will remain completely confidential.)

17. To the nearest year, how many years have you lived in Cape Elizabeth? _____ years

18. How many months per year, on average, do you currently live in Cape Elizabeth? _____ months

19. Into which of the following does your age fall? (Please select one response)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 18 to 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 to 84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85 or older |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 to 74 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

20. Please indicate the ages of children living in your household. (Please select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 5 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 to under 15 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> 19 years or older | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 to under 10 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 to under 19 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer | |

21. Do you currently have students in Cape Elizabeth schools? (Please select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary (Grades K – 4) | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle (Grades 5 – 8) | <input type="checkbox"/> High School (Grades 9 – 12) | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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22. What is your current employment status? (Please select one response)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed full-time (30 hours or more per week) | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay at home parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed part-time (less than 30 hours per week) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed | <input type="checkbox"/> Student | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

23. Which of the following broad ranges best describes your 2022 annual household pre-tax income from all sources? (Please select one response)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 to less than \$150,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 to less than \$75,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000 to less than \$200,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000 to less than \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000 to less than \$250,000 | |

24. Are you...? (Please select one response) Male Female Non-binary

25. Additional Comments: _____

Thank you very much for taking the time to participate in this research!

**Please return your complete questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to
Portland Research Group, P.O. Box 18185, Portland, Maine 04112-9701.**