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Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 6:26 AM

Good Morning,

I'm forwarding a message to the committee from Elizabeth Scifries.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Scifres, Elizabeth" <escifres@capeelizabethschools.org>
Date: March 16, 2023 at 3:51:14 AM EDT
To: Cynthia Voltz <cvoltz@capeelizabethschools.org>, Penny Jordan <penny.jordan@capeelizabeth.org>
Subject: Thank you

To the members of the School Board Advisory Committee -

Thank you for inviting me to speak about the context and recent history regarding our school buildings. A thorough understanding of the past is necessary for informed decision-making as you move forward.

I also extend my thanks to Tim Thompson. At first I thought he was contradicting me, but he was actually remembering the proposal to which I referred. The "study" and "plan" Mr. Thompson spoke about are in fact the presentation materials developed by Colby/Simons to *support the need for a study of the Cape Elizabeth school facilities*. The inclusion of some rough ideas and financial figures in those presentation slides are part of why most Town Council members were uncomfortable. To them, it seemed like the "train had already left the station" -- that by going forward with the study we were tied to going forward with Colby's thoughts on solutions. This was the proposed \$249K study to which I referred. This is the study that never happened due to lack of funding after the Town Council requested the cost of the study be removed from the SB budget. The 25- page proposal for an updated study of Cape Elizabeth Schools has been misconstrued as the study, and project proposal, itself. This committee has uncovered a key misunderstanding in our community. I am thankful that this mix-up has come to light.

Thank you again for serving on this committee, and your investment of time and talent.

Best,

Elizabeth Scifres
she/her
Chairperson, Cape Elizabeth School Board
"Cape Schools Open Minds and Open Doors"

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Thank you, Elizabeth and Tim, for helping the committee understand the history of the proposal for this particular study and its final disposition.

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