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[CE SBAC] Cape Elizabeth School Building Advisory Committee "Decision on School Building / Renovation"

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Cape Elizabeth School Building Advisory Committee

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From: Gail Darling cherny19@gmail.com

Subject: Decision on School Building / Renovation

Message Body:

In 1993, the town voted to renovate rather than build new, saving approximately \$9-13K dollars in today's money. That short-sightedness resulted in leaky, unsafe buildings, issues with layout and classroom size, and wasted student travel time. Now we are facing much higher costs this time around. Failure to build a new Middle School will only cost us more later.

For a \$700K home in FY'27-30, Design B costs \$69/month. Design E costs \$102/month. So, the cheapest option is \$33/month less than the most expensive. For a resident whose home is assessed at less, the monthly difference will be even less.

But these estimated costs don't take into consideration the future maintenance cost of the existing old Middle School which will undoubtedly be much higher than maintenance of a new building. I strongly urge the SBAC to include some estimate of this differential when you make your decision.

Finally, we owe it to our students to give them a school that provides the foundation for modern learning with flexible learning spaces and better facilities for STEM and the arts.

Thanks for the hard work of the SBAC in presenting a much more detailed picture of the choices we face.

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