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[CE SBAC] Communications- request

1 message

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Hello-

I am writing to share an example of the hazard of putting out preliminary work (not marking it as such) because such information is used to sow division and confusion in the community. A screenshot from the Cape Facebook page to a very highly trafficked is included below. It was clear from the communication subcommittee meeting yesterday, and the finance subcommittee meeting, that all the financial information makes several key assumptions which haven't been fully vetted and the SBAC is in the MIDDLE of a process of determining tax impacts. Now, a member of the community, who was instrumental in spreading misinformation about tax impact in the exact same fashion as for the last bond effort, is out in the community leveraging the committee's work as "fact" to create confusion which will lead to mistrust.

Please be more deliberate about releasing financial information before it's fully vetted and always mark it as "draft" with the caveats/assumptions. The work of the SBAC should also be to help the community understand fact from "work in progress" to avoid divisiveness.

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Thank you,

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Here are the projected tax increases for the school building options:

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