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[CE SBAC] Concerns that SBAC members do not understand school needs

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Hey there - after listening in on today's SBAC Communications subcommittee meeting, I have come away deeply concerned that members of the SBAC still don't fully understand the need for new schools in Cape.

In this [February 6th recap of the February 1st public forum from the Portland Press-Herald](#), there is this quote from Lisa Sawin:

“The school department has aging school infrastructure that is failing and affecting the safety and well-being of occupants as well as weighing heavily on operating budgets,” Sawin said.

I know you all are volunteering your time and have lives outside the SBAC that you need to deal with, but perhaps it would be a good idea to have a meeting with Harriman where they speak about the needs and the needs only so that everyone on the SBAC can better understand what they are.

I would assume Harriman was hired because they are experts on schools and school needs, so I would hope their feedback is valued and respected by members of the SBAC, and properly, factually communicated to the public.

I'm not sure anyone on the SBAC can recommend an option of any kind if they don't even fully understand the needs.

Also, I wanted to commend Chris Record for making sure all voices are heard during these meetings, so important that everyone taking time out of their busy lives to be a part of SBAC get heard in equal measure (or as close to it as possible).

Thanks for your time,
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