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[CE SBAC] Fwd: Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine Latest News Update

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To the members of SBAC who voted in favor of option B,
You have clear confirmation that Option B will not pass based on a review of the letters submitted and the speakers at last night's meeting. Contrary to your own survey, fielded during a time with a significant risk of sample bias, and contrary to fiscal responsibility, you selected Option B.

The only reasonable conclusion I can draw from your actions is the five of you do not want to build a school. And the survey data, coupled with the letters laid out a clear path for a non-viable option which you have taken. Well played.

What was the point of the analysis and surveys except to confirm the non-viable option?

Prove me wrong.

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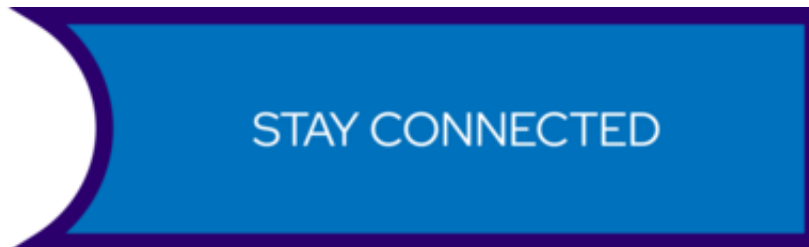
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SBAC Committee Selects Option B

05/10/2024 04:00 PM EDT

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At the May 9, 2024 School Building Advisory Committee, the committee voted 5 to 4 in favor of moving forward with "Option B." David Andrews, Larry Benoit, Michael Hussey, Penny Jordan, and Tim Thompson voted in favor of the motion to recommend Option B and an estimated cost range of \$77.3 - 85.5 million for further design by the School Board and eventual approval by the School Board and Town Council in time for a November 2024 referendum. Although there were three options to choose from, the committee divided along two options, B and E. Committee members Corinne Bell, Patrick Cotter, Caitlin Sweet, and Cynthia Voltz voted against the motion to move forward with B.

Prior to the passing motion, Sweet made a motion to amend Option E with with a lower bond amount in the range of \$90 - 95 million which includes a new middle school, improvements to Pond Cove Elementary and the high school with an additional \$15 million in fundraising as a goal for enhancements to the middle school design. Bell seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of 4-5; Andrews, Benoit, Hussey, Jordan, and Thompson voting against it.

The School Building Advisory Committee published the following update following the May 9 vote:

<https://www.capeelizabethsbac.com/2024/05/10/the-cape-elizabeth-sbac-recommends-option-b/>

The meeting concluded with a second round of public comment which lasted nearly 30 minutes. The majority of comments expressed disappointment with the committee's choice. The School Board will meet in workshop on May 28 to discuss the recommended option. Should the School Board endorse the SBAC recommendation, Option B will then move forward to the Town Council for their consideration to endorse.

**MS/ ES RENOVATION (36,000 SF +/-) & ADDITION (36,000 SF +/-)
EST. ROM COST: \$77.3-\$85.5M +/-**

B

100% STUDENT DISRUPTION
(APPROX. 50% FOR 12-15 MONTHS AND 50% FOR NEXT 12 MONTHS, FOR A TOTAL OF 24-27 MONTHS)

"RENO / ADD"

SCOPE ADDRESSES:

- \$20M+/- in essential ES/MS repairs included and \$16+/- at HS.
- New secure entry vestibules with adjacent administrative offices & nurse area, in approximately same location as existing main entries
- New 2-story addition with separate ES/MS cafeterias and a shared kitchen, with classrooms/offices on 2nd floor for currently missing program spaces, including special education
- Minor interior improvements for wayfinding/collaboration hubs
- Existing shared cafetorium converted to a 370+/- seat multipurpose/performance space
- STEM renovation next to ES Library
- Restroom renovations included

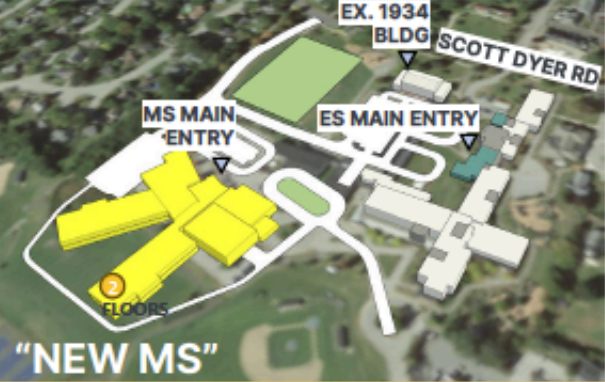
SCOPE DOES NOT ADDRESS:



- Does not address most of sprawling layout of schools, but is improved by central cafeteria
- Does not address underlying layout and classroom size issues
- Does not right-size Kindergarten classrooms that are currently 20% undersized; limited renovations to accommodate some missing program needs; current classrooms will not be renovated; deficit of program spaces and restrooms remains
- Full building cooling not included at this time
- Impacts learning due to extent of renovations and additions; ROM Cost includes \$3.6M to relocate 2/3 of students during 30-33 months of construction
- Interior material and other replacements needed between the years 7 and 10.

Slides courtesy of Harriman.

NEW MS (107,700 SF +/-)
ES RENOVATION (19,000 SF +/-) & ADDITION (7,000 SF +/-)
EST. ROM COST: \$109.9 - \$118M +/-

NOTE: If new MS and repairs at ES (\$10M+/-) & HS (\$16M+/-) are prioritized, ROM cost would be approximately \$100M+/-



33%
STUDENT
DISRUPTION
(FOR 12 MONTHS)

SCOPE ADDRESSES:

- \$10M+/- in essential ES repairs included and \$16+/- at HS.
- New ES secure entry vestibule with administrative offices and nurse area
- **New Middle School:** Demolition of existing MS & construction of new MS on current soccer field (field relocated on site). New MS 'resets the clock' on 1 of 3 schools, provides comprehensive approach to safety & security, energy efficient building, and complies with existing energy codes. Includes secure entry vestibule, HS-sized gym 300 bleachers seats, cafeteria, stage fits 100 band members, library/STEM space, and (2) two-story classroom wings with right-sized/flexible educational spaces
- Minor ES interior improvements for wayfinding/collaboration hubs; and limited ES renovation to add missing program spaces
- Addresses MS sprawl; decreases ES sprawl
- New MS performing arts spaces meet required sizes; plan includes areas for potential future classroom & performing arts additions; existing cafetorium remains as ES cafeteria
- STEM addition next to ES Library
- Least impact to learning of 3 concepts (36-42 months of construction; when new MS is built, existing MS serves as ES; minimal to no cost to relocate 1/3 of students in existing school)

SCOPE DOES NOT ADDRESS:

- No ES restroom renovations
- Does not right-size Kindergarten classrooms; other ES classrooms will not be renovated
- Full building cooling not included at this time

Full building closing not included at this time

[Project timeline and comparisons on options.](#)

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