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## [CE SBAC] Please choose wisely!

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Sun, May 5, 2024 at 2:05 PM

To: cesbac@capeelizabethschools.org

Good afternoon,

I am writing to voice my strong support for Option E.

The architect was hired to provide their expertise and after thorough evaluation, stated that the best value for our dollar and for meeting the project objectives was to build new. The public was invited to meetings and provided with materials to learn more about the status of the schools and what the options were. After this opportunity to become informed, there was very strong support for Option G, but it was eliminated anyway. Now there is very strong support for the best option we have left, which is Option E. It got significantly more support than the other two options combined in the latest survey.

I know everyone on the SBAC wants to move forward with a project that will be supported by voters. I want that too. I think it is overly simplistic and very misguided to assume that the cheapest option will be approved. I will NOT vote for Option B (or Option C) and I know MANY people who feel the same. It is a WASTE of our hard-earned money.

I know there are a few very wealthy and very influential people in town who don't want their property taxes to go up. Their multi-million dollar properties wouldn't be worth nearly as much as they are if weren't for the excellent reputation of our schools. You may say, if our schools have such an excellent reputation, why do we need to invest in them? Because they are old, they are in disrepair, they are gobbling up energy, they are not safe, they are not fit to meet 21st century educational needs. YOU ALL KNOW ALL OF THIS. This is what taxes are for. Those who have been underpaying for years and years should pay their fair share.

I also think some people are grossly underestimating the importance of the DISRUPTION that would result from Option B or C. We are already busy and stressed enough. Our kids are finally recovering from the huge disruption of Covid. This will be hugely impactful to the school community, and we are more than willing to pay some extra money (it's not even very much more at all!) for Option E to avoid that disruption.

I worry about my kids' safety when I send them to school, and that doesn't make me a hysterical mother, it makes me aware and responsible. I am flabbergasted that one of the "best" school systems in the state won't pull itself up by its bootstraps and fix these schools properly.

To a select few on this committee, stop contorting the data and yourselves to say Option B is our best bet. It will not be supported by the school board or by voters. It is a terrible, irresponsible use of money. Maybe some of you and your rich friends will be gone by the time we need to do more, so you don't care if you stick the rest of us with the next bill. What a legacy to leave the children and families of Cape Elizabeth.

To the rest of the SBAC, please keep up the good work and don't forget that most Cape citizens, when given the opportunity to be informed, are very much in support of a school option that is a WISE use of our financial resources, and will leave a legacy of investment in our most precious resources - our kids.

Thank you very much,

Becky Brosnan

Thank

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