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**[CE SBAC] In support of Option E**

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Dear SBAC Members,

My name is Jessica Rosenthal, and I live on Cove View Rd. My husband and I have two children who currently attend Pond Cove (a kindergartener and a third grader). I am also a general pediatrician in the area and write from both perspectives as a parent and healthcare provider.

First off, thank you so much for all of the work you have put into thinking through options to continue to support students and families in this town. I am writing to express my strong support for Option E.

My support for Option E is based on two primary factors. One immense factor is that Option E causes the least disruption to students. While I think upgrading our schools is very important for the future needs of our students and teachers, I am extremely concerned about the current students and teachers having to manage in temporary classrooms. Especially as so many students manage increasing anxiety levels and other mental health challenges, I feel it will be unfair to ask students to attend a school that feels chaotic and less like a home away from home for 2-3 years, a huge portion of their time in our schools. Even with our current sub-par buildings, the schools still feel like a comfortable home base for our students. I think it would be a mistake to make our current students suffer at the expense of the future students who will benefit from these schools.

My support for Option E also rests on the fact that this option feels like the most fiscally responsible choice. The cost of the various options presented are not hugely different, but the future cost savings likely are. Option E also offers significantly more improvement for a relatively small increase in funds compared to option C. Option B simply does not do enough.

Again, I truly appreciate all of the time and energy you have all invested in this process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jessica Rosenthal

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