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[CE SBAC] SBAC school building recommendations

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Hi SBAC -

My name is Jocie Dickson and I live in Shore Acres / Trundy Point.

Thank you so much for the tireless work you've put into the school project. As you meet this week to decide on which proposal to push forward, **I strongly encourage you to pick Concept E.**

- Concept E is the most financially responsible choice we will pay less as taxpayers in the long term. For Cape residents on fixed budget, this is imperative.
- Concept E sets the town on the path of creating a master plan, something that will benefit residents today and far into the future.
- Concept E has the least amount of student disruption. As a parent of a rising kindergartener (and a 1.5 year old, who will eventually enter the school system) this is important to me and other parents of current students.
- The cost difference between C and E is minimal, but with E we get a chance to 'restart the clock' through a new school.
- Concept E creates a safe, long-term solution for the issues that have plagued our town for more than 3 decades.
- The survey data clearly shows that there is wide-range support for Concept E and movement from those who voted 'no' at the last referendum to vote 'yes' in November. In short, Concept E can and will pass a public vote.

I know many of you want to push through a proposal that will pass. In my opinion, Concepts B and C are bad investments and I will not vote for them if they are on the ballot.

Not only am I a Cape resident and parent of children soon to be in the Cape school sytem, but I am also an architect with my own practice based in Portland. I hope you take my personal and professional opinion into account as you take the next steps with the development of this highly important project in our town.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

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