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[CE SBAC] SBAC Feedback

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I support Option E and strongly encourage the SBAC to make that choice in their recommendation to the school board. It is the only option that moves us forward.

Harriman has cited that the Middle School has limited life even with heavy renovations due to how it has sprawled and been modified over the decades. We know it will require costly and highly disruptive work to our students, our children, our neighbors, and it won't even deliver the best long term value for the tax dollars it costs. A major concern for many of those opposed to investing in our schools.

Option B leaves us coming back to have to do this all over again with no plans for how to manage the Middle School in 10 years when it will need more repairs, new roofs, mechanical, etc. in addition to Pond Cove not getting any younger. It simply kicks the can down the road. It's a plan to put us right back where we are, but with a bigger mess, and 66% of bond left to pay off.

Option C buys a bigger shoe to get the can further down the road, but the problem doesn't go away. We are still faced with unaddressed needs, and major projects on the horizon.

The Lifespan of Investment sheet that was posted last week shows there are no plans for B and C in the long term, there is no roadmap. That is the worst kind of planning, to have no plan.

Whether your goal is to minimize disruption to the students who have already endured unprecedented learning loss from covid, or your goal is leave a lasting legacy for our future generations, or if your goal is simply to be responsible with tax payer funds, the only option left that answers all those and more criteria, is Option E.

Thanks,

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