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[CE SBAC] Support Option E

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Dear SBAC,

Thanks so much for your tireless hours of dedication to this project and our town.

Not resetting the clock on our school infrastructure needs is an irresponsible use of taxpayer funds in my opinion.

We don't "value" education by sinking 77 million into buildings that don't meet the needs of our teachers to work their magic.

Cape Elizabeth has a long history. Please help it have a long future as a very special place for families and children. School buildings are the heart of that.

After living in a state that chronically under-invests in public education- California, when we visited Falmouth elementary school, I wept. It was stunning how the new england community value for education came through via the pride of that building.

Speaking with a woman in her 60's the other day, I mentioned the pandemic impact on children. She replied she understood because, "I went through it too". But I don't think she had the first clue. My 10 year old has spent almost 1/3 of her entire life in active pandemic, and 1/2 of her life if you include until things returned to almost normal. For adults, the pandemic was shorter then they spent in college. Many kids are not alright, in ways I don't think non-parents can comprehend. "Disruption" from option B - is not one I will put my kid through- and she would have ALL that disruption and never enjoy the improvements.

I hope that Dave, with his empathy for friends on fixed incomes, can also find understanding for the horror these kids have gone through. I guarantee you that option B will absolutely cause some children harm.

At least for those for whom a difference of \$33 or more a month makes them unable to meet basic needs- we can (AND WHY AREN'T YOU?) create programs to help them. They need help regardless of option B or E, its not like option E is the straw that will break the camels back. I would totally devote time to helping develop catch net programs for people to age in place. In our community, we need to take good care of EVERYONE!

Please be courageous and vote for option E.

Sincerely, Jen Bodenrader Cape Elizabeth

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