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[CE SBAC] Seniors for our schools who support Option E

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To: cesbac@capeelizabethschools.org

Dear SBAC Committee Members,

Thank you for the many hours you have volunteered and spent away from your other interests to address the needs of our aging schools. We have followed your work, responded to your requests for community input, and believe that we are well-informed about the pros and cons of the three remaining options. We support and urge you to support Option E.

As adults who benefited immensely from public school educations, we believe we and all adults have a responsibility to contribute to the cost of educating future generations. As a family and juvenile court judge, I witnessed the devastating and longterm consequences of not meeting our youth's educational needs, not only to them but also to their communities. And as Pond Cove grandparents who have toured and volunteered in our schools, we have observed the limited security, the overcrowding, in classrooms and in the cafeteria, and the astonishingly outdated educational settings in which our students are expected to learn and our dedicated educators do their best to teach.

As your committee aptly has pointed out, none of the three options addresses all student and educator needs. But Option E addresses the most, with the least disruption to students and educators, and is the most beneficial to taxpayers, compared to the cost, unknowns, and longevity of renovations in Options B and C.

We want Cape Elizabeth to remain a community which young families stay in and move to because our public schools are once again second to none, and our properties to continue to be valuable because young families want to live here. We hope you agree, vote to recommend Option E to voters, and then work, as we will, to ensure its passage.

Respectfully,
Alison and Michael Tumas

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