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## [CE SBAC] Cape Elizabeth School Building Advisory Committee "The vote for option B"

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**Cape Elizabeth School Building Advisory Committee**

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Subject: The vote for option B

Message Body:

To the SBAC:

As a Cape senior of modest means who nonetheless cares passionately about our collective obligation to provide the very best education to each succeeding generation -- including a physical environment conducive to that goal -- I was saddened and disappointed by the narrow vote last night in favor of the ineffectual and wasteful option B. I, like the parents who spoke out after the vote, will not support option B if it is put to a referendum vote in November. It is a waste of money, fails to address key concerns, and shows callous disregard for the welfare of students and teachers. I hope the school board rejects option B in favor of option E or some creative variant that includes, at minimum, a new middle school and needed repairs and enhancements to Pond Cove and the high school. And I also hope that ways can be found to finance it creatively in order to soften the impact on taxpayers to the extent possible.

Kudos to Caitlin Sweet, Cindy Voltz and the others on the committee who heeded the survey results and voted for Option E. Two thumbs down to the ad hominem name calling by a committee member at the end of the meeting, and also to the candidate for state representative who apparently saw an opportunity to hitch her political wagon to Option B. Let me just add that I deeply respect and appreciate the work by this entire committee, whatever their vote. But I also hope that this wrongheaded result can somehow be reversed or modified, and that a creative way can still be found to give voters the chance to consider a school building plan that makes long-term financial and educational sense. It would be a tragedy if all of this effort were for naught.

Respectfully,

Lee Mitgang

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