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## [CE SBAC] Support Option E

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Hi SBAC,

Thank you for the 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 Option E, for all of the reasons that have been already thoroughly expressed by others, but which I will repeat here for emphasis:

- Option E is the most financially responsible choice – we will pay less as taxpayers in the long term.
- Option E sets the town on the path of creating a master plan, something that will benefit residents today and far into the future — which is what we as citizens of a community owe to the future members of our community.
- Option E has the least amount of student disruption. This is so crucial and seems overlooked by those who support options B and C. Putting kids in temporary classrooms or offsite will significantly impact their educational and social development.
- The cost difference between C and E is minimal, but with E we get a chance to 'restart the clock' through a new school.
- Option 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 Option E – and movement from those who voted 'no' at the last referendum to vote 'yes' in November. In short, Option E can and will pass a public vote, especially if this committee puts its support behind it and helps bring more awareness of the actual harm and potential harm to our children from the state and structure of the current buildings.

I know many of you want to push through a proposal that will pass. In my opinion, Options B and C are bad investments and I will not vote for them if they are on the ballot. We can and should do better for our kids than what those options offer.

Thank you for your time.

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