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[CE SBAC] SBAC Concept E

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Dear SBAC,

My name is Meagan Brus and I live at 46 Ocean House Road. Thank you so much for the tireless work you've put into the school project!

As you meet tomorrow to decide on which proposal to push forward, I strongly encourage you to pick Concept E. The Cape public schools were one of the biggest reasons my family and I chose to relocate to Cape Elizabeth a few years ago. and with good public schools comes a community obligation. An obligation to support the schools, the teachers, and our kids. That support can be shown in many different ways, one of which is using our tax money to "walk the walk". While Cape is a predominantly wealthy town, there are those of us who continue to choose to live here, despite our lack of trust funds and generational wealth. Concept E sets the town on the path of creating a master plan, something that will benefit residents today and far into the future, while also being the most financially responsible choice for taxpayers, especially those on a fixed budget.

The cost difference between C and E is minimal, but with E we get a chance to 'restart the clock' through a new school. If we're going to support our schools through an increase in taxes (a given no matter which option is chosen), why not choose the option that has the largest impact on our kids and our teachers -- the ones who actually spend all their time in the buildings!

The survey data clearly shows that there is wide-range support for Concept E – and movement from those who voted 'no' at the last referendum to vote 'yes' in November. In short, I support moving forward with Concept E and I hope the board takes into account the results of this last survey, as it clearly shows I'm not the only one.

Thank you for your time,
Meagan

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