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**[CE SBAC] Follow up to May 5 email**

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To: cesbac@capeelizabethschools.org

Dear SBAC members,

I am writing to you again, following the discussions surrounding the May 7 meeting regarding the future direction of the school building project. After listening in on portions of the May 7 meeting and reviewing public correspondence, I feel compelled to again express my support for Option E and urge the committee to move option E forward on the 9th.

From the survey results to the public comments, it is evident that there is overwhelming support for Option E. It is essential that the committee listens to the desires of the citizens of Cape Elizabeth, even if they may differ from individual preferences within the committee.

During the May 7 meeting, it was noted that Options B and C were not receiving as much discussion. I believe this is a clear indication that the members of the committee see that the community is rallying behind Option E as the preferred choice moving forward and that it is the best long term, fiscally responsible option for our town.

I would encourage the committee to not get bogged down in the design details of what can be eliminated from Option E during the May 9 meeting (Sq footage decisions, eliminating renovation suggestions for the elementary school). I agree with member Sweets comments on the 7th that it is crucial to set a ceiling to prevent costs from escalating uncontrollably. But members picking items to be removed or voted on feels premature. There will be ample time for important and needed refinement and cost control measures as the project progresses. But right now, we need a final option to move forward.

I firmly believe that we can work together as a community to develop an Option E that meets the needs and desires of everyone involved. However, this can only be achieved if the committee takes decisive action to advance Option E as the primary focus of the project.

Thank you for considering my perspective, and I urge you to prioritize the best interests of the entire community as you deliberate on the future of the school building project.

With thanks,

Hannah White

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