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Thank you for your service.

We have heard a lot about 170 emails. But I don't think 170 is the relevant number.

The relevant number is 3,817, the number of voters who turned down the last bond question. That 62% majority has been confirmed in two subsequent public opinion polls, showing majority opposition to tax increases over 10%. Option B has the merit of listening to the voters.

As an aside, surrounding communities also have all rejected large, locally funded school projects.

Cape voters have always supported education. But voters know it is the teachers, not bricks and mortar that make a difference. What person has ever said, "my school building had such a positive impact on my education?" Instead, they say, Mrs. Higgins, Mr Doane, Mrs Walsh, -- they had an impact on my education.

Option B has much merit — New, safe entry ways, nurse and admin space, a multi purpose performance space. It maintains a single kitchen, (and a single kitchen staff), adds a cafeteria, 12000 SQ feet of new classroom space, and a gym that is much larger than Option E. It keeps the campus, on a smaller footprint. As a renovation it is more environmentally responsible than new construction.

If Option B passes, it still will be the single, largest, locally funded school project in Maine history!

Learn from history. Listen to the voters. Option E is simply too expensive. Option B has so many advantages and can pass in November

As always, thank you for your service to the town.

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