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**[CE SBAC] Fwd: Support of Option E**

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Hello SBAC,

My name is Sarah Moran and I live in the Oakhurst neighborhood.

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the contributions the SBAC has made to our community. Your dedication to improving the quality of life for all residents and students is greatly appreciated.

As a proud member of this town, I am encouraged to see the results of the recent survey in **support of option E**. Option E is the investment needed to maintain the strong legacy of the Cape school system.

Investing in education is an investment in the future of our community. A new school will not only provide our children with a conducive environment for learning but also serve as a cornerstone for fostering a vibrant and prosperous society. It will enhance educational opportunities, promote academic excellence, and ensure that every child has access to the resources they need to succeed.

Furthermore, a new school will have far-reaching benefits beyond the classroom. It will attract families to our town, boost property values, and stimulate economic growth. By prioritizing education, we are laying the groundwork for a stronger, more resilient community for generations to come.

I would strongly encourage the SBAC to consider the following points in support of E:

- **Student Disruption** - in last week's meeting, disruption to student life was almost removed as a point of consideration. But the survey results show how important this is to our community. The students of the Covid generation have already lived through the biggest disruption in the history of American Education. We should not regard further disruption as insignificant, but rather something to be avoided/minimized at all costs.
- **Current Cape Elizabeth Taxes** - if you compare CE property taxes to similar towns, even with our tax re-assessments we have low taxes. In Cape, an 800K house will pay \$11,720 in taxes with project E in 2030. In Burlington, Vermont an 800K house currently pays over \$17,000 in yearly taxes. And in Burlington the students currently attend high school in a converted Macy's because there is no high school.
- **Tax Relief** - Are we looking critically enough at ways to provide additional tax relief to our seniors and any households for which ANY of the school options would create financial burden? I believe strongly that option E should go forward AND that we can find ways to ensure no community member has to leave CE because of tax increases. In Vermont, for example, income is also considered in property taxes to alleviate burden.

I urge the SBAC to wholeheartedly support option E. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our children and the future of our town.

Once again, thank you for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Moran  
29 Rocky Hill Road

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