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[CE SBAC] school building proposals—support for Option E

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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for Option E among the school building proposals.

Option E gets Cape a new MS which will last 60+ years, and sets Cape up to only have to rebuild ES and/or HS in 10-20 years, instead of all three schools.

For a median value home in Cape (currently \$700,000), the additional tax cost for E would be \$102 a month/\$3.65 per day. For Option B, which is the cheapest option and renovation/addition only, the cost is \$69 per month/\$2.47 per day. The difference between E and B is \$1.18 per day.

While the up front cost is the greatest, E is the most fiscally responsible for the town because of the long-term return on investment. (The other two options, B and C, are renovation/addition only and will need to be fixed/replaced again in 10-20 years.)

Don't repeat past mistakes. Cape could have had two new schools in 1993 for \$16-18 million, but the school building committee at the time said it was "too costly."

Don't ask voters to come back in 10-20 years for double the amount. (The referendum in 2022 was \$116 million and Cape got two schools. Just two years later, \$114 million only gets us one new school. Who knows the cost in 10 years.)

The needs have been made clear by Harriman in its extensive report.

Thanks for your time.

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