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## [CE SBAC] Support For Option E: NEW Middle School

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Dear SBAC,

My name is Matt Yantakosol and I am a member of the Cape Elizabeth High School Class of 2006. I completed kindergarten through senior year in the schools here. My sister, brother-in-law, and cousin are CEHS classes of 2001, 2002, and 1999. Cape has been a crucial component of my family's past and I am deeply concerned about its future.

As a result, I have attended hours and hours and hours of virtual and in-person new school meetings since 2022.

I do NOT have children in the schools, but I am fearful of the community repeating past mistakes.

I greatly respect all the work that SBAC has put into this process. However, I can only wonder if new schools had been constructed (for a much smaller price in 1994), what would the discussions be today? What type of advancement could we have been focused on? How could all of this time and effort been used if a different decision had been made?

We have the opportunity NOW to steer the ship in the right direction so that we have not only a plan, but an INVESTMENT, not just 10 years from now, but decades into the future.

While I and many others were incredibly supportive of Option G – new Middle AND Elementary schools – I am willing to compromise on Option E. It accomplishes the goals needed, reduces disruption, and spaces out projects so that when the other schools require attention, it's not all 3 requiring substantial projects at once.

B and C strike me as poor investments. If either is selected by the SBAC, I would probably not vote or vote No.

Given the increasing price of construction, delaying major work any longer will lead to catastrophic tax impacts for a much larger part of the community 10 years down the line and well into the future.

Only E provides a long-term solution and thus provides the best VALUE per dollar. The cost is too close among the 3 options and the long-term investment outweighs the added initial cost.

There's no time like the present. The time is NOW. Let's build the new Middle School and a

brighter future for the entire Cape Elizabeth community.

Thanks for all you've done!  
Matt Yantakosol  
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