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The Community Center Building Committee looks forward to meeting with the School Committee on November 16th. At that time, we will review our work to date, and preview our plans for Special Town Meeting (STM), held on Saturday, December 2. We are providing this preview to you so that our conversation next week is informative, efficient, and focused on topics that matter most to the School Committee. We have 3 goals for the meeting:

- A. Share our most current building schemes – In 2018, the *Community Center Preliminary Planning and Design Committee* developed conceptual designs for a building that cost between \$14 - \$16M. When we revisited those designs in the Spring of 2022, that cost had escalated to approximately \$25M. We were subsequently charged with developing lower cost options and plan to present three for consideration at STM:
1. An "up to 100% of the original \$25M budget" option - our design comes in around \$24M, is considered our target program size, rebuilds the maintenance shop in the Hartwell Administration Building and includes new construction for LEAP.
 2. An "up to 75% of the original \$25M budget" option (or \$18.75M) - our design estimate is right at that threshold, reduces the building footprint to our minimum acceptable size, rebuilds the maintenance shop in the Hartwell Administration Building and includes renovated space for LEAP. **You'll note in the attachment that this design has 2 potential site layouts and continues to evolve. We will be selecting one NEXT WEEK, based on stakeholder and Conservation Committee feedback on November 14th and 15th.**
 3. An "up to 50% of the original \$25M budget" option (or \$12.5M) - our design is right at that threshold, is below our recommended building size, rebuilds the maintenance shop in the Hartwell Administration Building **and does not include funds to renovate LEAP.**

We will be prepared to speak briefly about the safety features of these plans and how Hartwell Campus stakeholders are impacted, as well as answer any other questions you may have.

- B. Potential School-Related Project Questions – We want to answer your questions, and touch on a few common questions we have received that might require a School Committee response at STM, such as *why can't LEAP be moved into the school buildings? Or what happens to the pods if the project fails?*
- C. Statement of Support – The CCBC does not plan to "endorse" the 50% option, as it does not meet our minimum program size and leaves LEAP unaddressed. We simply can't afford to do more and are only presenting it to fulfill our mandate. We do plan to endorse both the 100% and the 75% options, and the community will ultimately decide which of the three they prefer. Ideally, we would appreciate a similar statement of support from the School Committee.

Please feel free to email any individual questions in advance directly to Daniel Pereira, Asst. Town Administrator, at pereirad@lincolntown.org. We'll be prepared to respond to them when we get together next week. We look forward to it!

Sarah Chester and Jonathan Dwyer, Co-Chairs, CCBC