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### **GRS Cooperative School District Receives Large Pledge from GRSEF**

The Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative School Board members erupted in applause after Bob Bellevance, speaking on behalf of the Gorham Randolph Shelburne Educational Foundation, announced that a donation of \$125,000 was being offered to the GRS School District. The GRSEF was “established in 1990 to preserve and advance the education programs of the GRS Cooperative schools through a long-term endowment fund”, as stated in their brochure.

According to Keith Parent, Principal, Gorham Middle High School, “The board was absolutely thrilled at the news and voted unanimously to accept it! The grant is specifically earmarked for the total replacement of the GMHS gymnasium floor. We’re hoping that there are sufficient funds to fill in the old unused locker rooms under the gym floor as well, and thus solve an ongoing moisture problem that has plagued the gym for decades.”

SAU20 Superintendent, Paul Bousquet reports, “The GRSEF has asked that the gym floor work not be done until the roof replacement and gym’s structural wall repairs are underway. The board agreed that this was a necessary step, to button up the building first.”

Jo Carpenter, Chair of the school board, added, “We’re so lucky that this generous donation has come at this time. The GRS Cooperative Board is very grateful to the GRSEF, for their extremely kind offer.”

For more information about the upcoming building bond vote, visit [www.sau20.org/building](http://www.sau20.org/building), or call the SAU office at 466-3632.