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**Gorham Randolph Shelburne (GRS) Cooperative  
School Building Committee Focuses on The Ed Fenn**

Plans for the improvements needed at the Ed Fenn Elementary School are currently being prepared by the GRS Cooperative School Building Committee. The K-5 school was built in 1955; a west wing was added in 1969. "The building itself is in very good condition," says a member of the Committee, "unlike the GMHS, which needs a lot of attention."

Some of the improvements needed at the Fenn include: a new roof, improved ventilation, fire suppression sprinklers, windows with high energy efficiency, a reconfiguration of the onsite traffic/parking layout, and an expanded or new gymnasium. "Many of these components are long overdue, for safety and energy savings" says a Committee member. "A new or enlarged gym, like all the items being proposed, will need careful review for both cost and public opinion".

The Building Committee has been working for last 5 months reviewing plans, studies, and preparing a request for proposal (RFP) for a project consultant to assist with the next steps, including compiling all data gathered to date, holding public forums, and completing the preparatory work on the Ed Fenn. The RFP bids are currently being reviewed by the Committee.

The School Board combined the Building Committee's work to encompass both schools in an effort to save time and money. Combining the school projects allows The Cooperative maximum flexibility in planning, scheduling, economy, and most importantly public input. "It is one of our primary goals to include the public in helping us to determine what kind of schools the community needs." says the Committee. "In the coming months, we'll be inviting the public to tour the schools and meet with us to form a consensus. We represent The Cooperative parents, taxpayers, and students."

The studies and analysis of The Fenn are done. Now the public needs to add their voice to the mix. After that the plans will be drawn up, and presented for final public review. The School Board has requested the Building Committee to have a formal proposal ready for the March 2007 GRS District Meeting.

Be watching the papers in the months ahead for more information or contact The Committee, a School Board member, and/or the SAU20 office at 466-3632.