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To: David Cole, Gorham Town Manager

From: Heather J. Perry, Superintendent of Schools

Re: School Committee – Proposed Referendum for School Roofs and Mechanical Systems

The following is updated information concerning the school's referendum bonding request for school capital improvements for roofs, mechanical systems, and school locks and hardware:

Explanation of Need and Proposed Work:

School Roofs: Annually, the School Department conducts roof inspections for all schools. Based on these inspections, routine repairs are identified as well as replacement and restoration projects that will extend the useful life of a roof system. This bond amount will restore Roofs 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8A & 8B at the Village School and required roof restoration and replacement at the High School of roofs 1, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 13 & 14.

Mechanical Systems: Typically most mechanical systems that provide heating and ventilating for schools have an estimated useful life of 20 years. Village School's mechanical systems are more than 28 years old and have exceeded their useful life. This bonding will provide for the replacement of the boiler, 3 roof-top heating and ventilating units serving 12 classrooms, library and computer climate control systems and building energy management improvements.

High School/Middle School Locks & Hardware: Building Safety and Security are one of our most important obligations. The ability for teachers and staff to be able to lock classroom doors from inside their classroom is critical in emergency situations. The High School and Middle School classrooms do not have this capability. The High School classroom door hardware is also beyond its useful life and non-functional on many occasions. This bond amount will provide for replacement and addition of more than 500 locks and cylinders and door hardware at both the High School and Middle School.

Summary of School Referendum Question - November 2015

School Roofs	\$ 580,000.00
Mechanical Systems	\$ 370,500.00
High School/Middle School Locks & Hardware	<u>\$ 225,000.00</u>
Total Referendum Funding Request	<u>\$ 1,175,500.00</u>

We will present this updated information to the Town Council at the public hearing scheduled for Oct. 6, 2015. We will be prepared to answer any questions you may have at this time.

Thank you,

Heather J. Perry,
Superintendent of Schools