



# Grenora Public School Foundation

Improving students' learning and life experience

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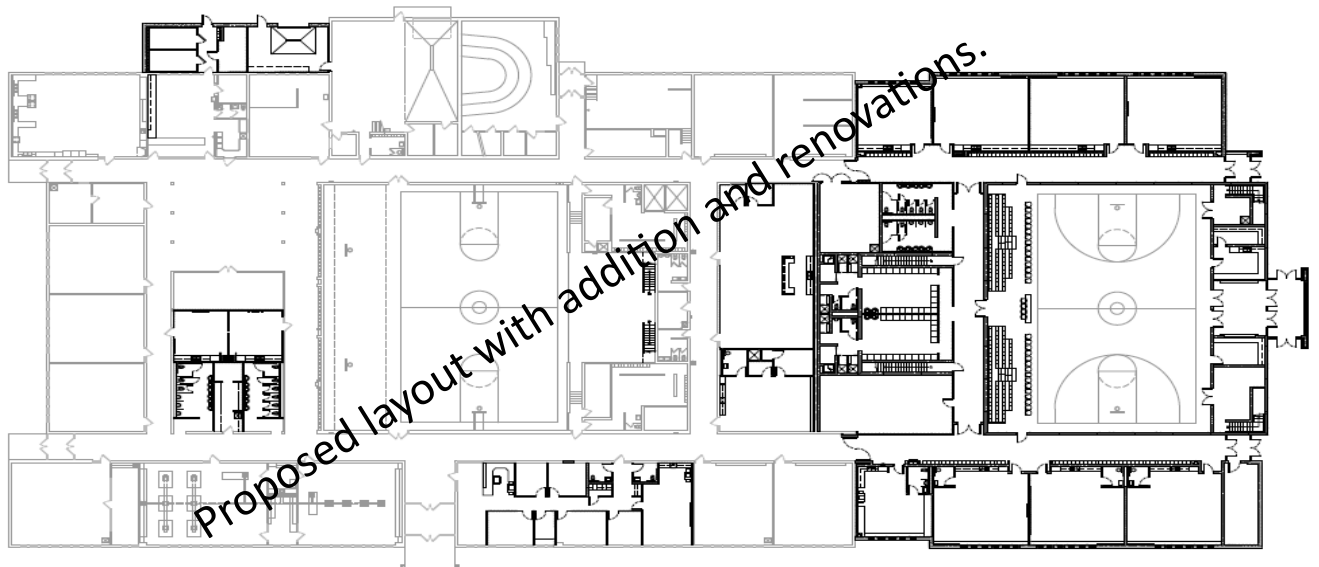
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## Bond Issue Passes for School Building Addition

# The Old Comes Down While Planning for the New



Once the largest gymnasium in the area, the structure that was built by Depression-era workers of the WPA (Works Progress Administration), finally succumbed to repeated ground water seepage and resulting mold infestation that forced its demise the summer of 2014. In its place will soon be another gym / community center, teaching and administrative facilities, funded by the recently voter-approved mill levy increase .



A July 2014 vote yielded the majority needed to approve a \$9.5 Million bond issue to add and improve facilities at Grenora's school, now aged 46 years, only 4 years "younger" than the original school when it was replaced in 1968. Start of construction is planned for 2015 on a multi purpose room which will also serve as a community center, added classrooms and improvements to existing classrooms, upgraded administrative facilities, and other improvements to comply with more stringent requirements of the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) and generally improve learning experiences at the school. Possible grants and financing opportunities could reduce the requirement for a full \$9.5 Million bond.



## New Seating for the Gym

### Stand up and donate – for a good sit

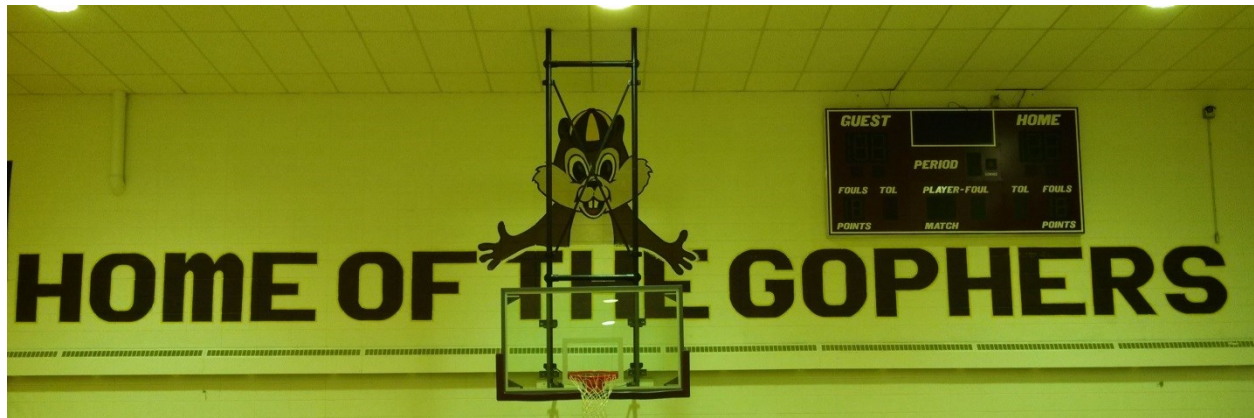
The time has come – after performing a stand-up job of seating thousands for over 46 years, the bleachers of Grenora School's have worn out and must be replaced. Taking a cue from the past generosity of local residents and alumni, the school's board of directors has approved the \$60,000 cost to replace those bleachers and to add bleachers on the stage. But those funds must be replaced. We ask for your help to do just that. **Tax deductible donations to the Foundation will provide years of comfortable seating for the many events that take place in the school gymnasium.**

Built of durable molded plastic, the shape of these new bleachers will provide a more comfortable stay than was possible with the straight wooden seats. Hand rails to be placed in 3 sections will give more opportunity for safe ascent to a favorite seat. Like the old bleachers, the new seating will fold back to provide additional space for activities on the gymnasium floor. But the new bleachers move in for storage and out for seating with the assist of electric motors which help the bleachers glide more smoothly than their predecessors, saving on wear and tear that plagued the old wooden bleachers.

Serving a variety of athletic events, concerts, graduation ceremonies, theatrical performances, and numerous community events, the bleachers of Grenora's school gymnasium provide an essential service to benefit everyone. **Please consider how you might help to financially support this additional effort to maintain the school, the heart of our vibrant community.**

## Grenora School District – Home of the Gophers

*The Gopher Lives! He's still burrowing around Grenora Public School*



The Grenora Gopher mascot looms large in the gymnasium and elsewhere at the school, continuing to spur on his students, faculty and alumni

The Mon-Dak Thunder sports teams have made quite the name for themselves since formed in 2011, with multiple tournament victories and showings in state championship football, volleyball and basketball.

While we bask in those shared sports glories with our neighbor Montana school and strengthen the bond of friendship with our Westby students, their parents and families, the Gopher lives on at Grenora Public School, as it has for so many years. Our buck tooth mascot still looms large in our gymnasium, on school letterheads, on the merchandise sold at the school's Spirit Store, not to mention this newsletter.

Along with our friendly and very fruitful 'Thunder' collaboration with Westby School, the *Gopher* thrives in the hearts and minds of all Grenora Public School students, past and present.

# Go Gophers!



# Thanks, Donors!

The great works funded by the Foundation are only possible because of your donations. Prior donors' names appear on our website [www.grenorakids.com](http://www.grenorakids.com) (Thank You!) Recent donors include:

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## Unaudited Statement of Grenora Public School Foundation Funds as of 10/31/2014

Donations Received Since Inception	\$60,391.60
Funded Projects	( 9,878.57)
Administrative Costs	( 1,816.75)
Foundation Cash Balance as of 10/31/2014	\$48,696.28
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## ***What has your Foundation done with your donations?***

Your generous donations are first deposited with the North Dakota Community Foundation where Grenora Public School Foundation's are held separately and safely until used for the benefit of Grenora's students. Your local Foundation board (members listed on Page 1 of this newsletter) determine how best to put your donations to work.

"Community foundations are tax-exempt, nonprofit, autonomous, publicly supported, nonsectarian philanthropic institutions with a long-term goal of building permanent, named component funds established by many separate donors to carry out their charitable interests and for the broad-based charitable interest of and for the benefit of residents of a defined geographic area." (*Definition taken from the Council on Foundations*)

Your donations have helped make these projects possible:

*As discussed in our Fall/Winter 2013 newsletter –*

- New playground equipment
- Purchase children's books
- Purchase a piano
- Additional technology for math and reading programs
- Teacher housing

*In the planning stage –*

- New bleachers in gymnasium (see related article – additional donations needed)
- Music percussion instruments

## ***Visit our new website***

**[www.grenorakids.com](http://www.grenorakids.com)**

**(also linked to the Grenora School site [www.grenora.k12.nd.us](http://www.grenora.k12.nd.us))**

This newsletter and all past newsletters are posted to the Grenora Kids website, along with lots of other information about the Foundation and links to other sites of interest in the Grenora area. Check it out and let us know what you'd like to see that can keep our alumni and donors informed about the Foundation, school, current and past students, and the community.

*(We'll soon be wishing)*

## ***"Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Grenora!"***

Grenora's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is scheduled for July 1, 2, and 3, 2016 !

Watch for notice and information from organizers of this exciting event.

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