



GRAND RIVER ACADEMY™

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Dear GRA Family and Friends,

We are reaching out at a pivotal moment for Grand River Academy.

Last week a catastrophic heating system failure caused significant damage to Shepard Hall, forcing the temporary relocation of 30 students. While students remain safe and supported, reopening Shepard Hall quickly is essential to restoring stability on campus.

At the same time, GRA is preparing to launch the EAGLE Program, a long-planned initiative developed in partnership with the state of Ohio to serve mission appropriate students who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend GRA. Once launched, the program will provide a critical service to the state while generating sustainable revenue that will significantly strengthen the school's financial future.

We remain committed to launching EAGLE this spring. However, because Mastin Hall is currently housing displaced students, the program's targeted start date is in jeopardy of being delayed unless Shepard Hall can be restored promptly as the EAGLE Program requires Mastin Hall to be fully dedicated to its students.

Although we expect insurance to cover a portion of the damage, and the repairs will ultimately result in an improved Shepard Hall, the combination of uncovered repair costs and significant one-time EAGLE startup expenses has created a temporary but urgent funding gap.

Your gift now will help reopen Shepard Hall, return students to their home, and ensure the timely launch of the EAGLE Program. We are asking all, our loyal supporters and anyone ever impacted by a GRA education, to join us in this critical moment and consider giving a gift to meet this unexpected but urgent need.

This challenge is real, but it is not insurmountable. With the support of our community, we can stabilize today and secure a stronger future for our students and our school.

Please consider making your gift today using this link or by calling 440-275-2811.

Sincerely Grateful,

Gina Borst

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