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### ***New Hampton School and Gordon Nash Library Announce Proposed Merger***

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New Hampton School and the Board of Corporators of the Gordon-Nash Library in New Hampton, New Hampshire have announced that the two parties have reached a merger agreement in principal. Ensuring the Judges' will (Library Founder Stephen Gordon Nash), the merger proposes that New Hampton School would assume ownership of the Gordon-Nash Library, with the understanding that it would be run as a shared-use facility. The details of the merger have yet to be confirmed; however, an agreement will likely be signed later this spring.

"We are really excited about this proposed arrangement, and we know that it is necessary in order to sustain the mission of the Gordon-Nash Library and this wonderful resource for our town," says President of the Gordon-Nash Library Corporation Robert Hammond. "The School and the library have a long history of partnership with the town, and we trust that New Hampton School will continue to enhance the resources the library provides to our community and the School."

This agreement seems natural given the rich history of the Library and the School. Judge Nash graduated from New Hampton School at the age of 16, and from Dartmouth College in 1842. He briefly returned to New Hampton School to teach the classics before he began his law career in the Boston area. He never forgot his home town and the school that provided him with the foundation of his success. At that time there was no public library in New Hampton.

In 1887, Judge Nash created the Gordon-Nash Library Corporation and named several old friends and associates who were also graduates of New Hampton School to help him develop his vision. The first public announcement of the creation of the Gordon-Nash Library was at the first annual New Hampton School alumni association conference held at the Paul Revere House in Boston on March 28, 1889. There Judge Nash announced to many of his old class mates his desire to "erect a library memorial building" to benefit the residents, students and sojourners of his native town.

Sadly, Judge Nash never saw the remarkable degree to which his friends and his wife carried out his vision following his passing in 1894. The library opened in June of 1896 and has served the town ever since.

"Our relationship with the town of New Hampton is extremely important to me and our School. We are eager to sustain the mission of the Gordon-Nash Library and ensure it remains a vibrant building on Main Street that brings our students and the residents of New Hampton closer together through the advent of meaningful programs and experiences," offers Head of School Joe Williams.

As details of the merger are confirmed, information sessions to understand the nature of the agreement will be held for the community. Please visit the New Hampton School or Gordon Nash library web sites for further information when these events are announced.