## Once Gale School is gone there is no going back; vote 'yes'

To The Daily Sun,

On March 4, Belmont and Canterbury Residents will be asked to vote on three warrant articles concerning the historic Gale School.

1. To move the building to the Concord Street location, which could allow it to be used by the school district or a private entity.

2. To keep it in the current location behind the Belmont Middle School to be used solely by the school district.

3. To raze the structure.

This building is in sound condition, and needs a new foundation. This building was the first primary school in our district, and has great nostalgic potential within both communities. The destruction of the Gale School would

not only mean a lost link to our history, but we would also lose a touchstone for Belmont and Canterbury alumni.

It takes us back to a time when our local mills were thriving, when employees took a train into work each day, and finally deciding to live in the surrounding communities to raise their families. Many of whom, wanted to give their children a better life, a better life than they had as do we all, enrolling them at the Gale School, and giving them an education that they themselves did not have.

Once the Gale is gone, there is no going back. Please vote "Yes" to save it on March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Belmont High School Gymnasium.

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