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As the physical education teacher for all elementary students, the school improvements would help a great deal. Right now, the elementary gym is used for the cafeteria so it is not available



to use as a gym for the full school day. This means I am in two buildings and must share the middle school gym two days a week. During that time, we have almost 60 kids in the gym. I also don't have any space for about 15 minutes every day for my second graders, so I have them in the lobby by the district office (lower level of middle school) jumping rope, following the leader, or other type of activity until the middle school gym becomes available. This is because the elementary gym is being used as a cafeteria at that time. I also have students in grades 5 through 8 walk through the elementary gym on their way to music class on the stage. When we have any kind of assembly, we lose the gym space and have to cancel PE class or double-up classes in the remaining gym. Student learning would be improved by having a gym for use as a gym all throughout the school day.