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Cox to be in town for GSD groundbreaking

Georgia School for Deaf has long awaited new gym

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The groundbreaking for the long-awaited new gym at the Georgia School for the Deaf in Cave Spring has been scheduled for Sept. 22 at 12:15 p.m., and scheduled to lend a hand is state schools Superintendent Kathy Cox.

Lee Shiver, the school's director, said \$1.9 million in bonds were sold to pay for the gym, which he said would replace the Talmadge gym the school still uses on the other side of Cave Spring.

"It's something that we've really needed to have on campus," Shiver said. "I was really disappointed with the facilities we had when I first got here in 2006."

The gymnasium will be a simple facility.

"It's a fundamental gym," the school director said. "There isn't

anything fancy about it."

Cox recently said she will donate a third of her \$1 million winnings from the Fox game show "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader" to the Georgia School for the Deaf, along with two others in the state of Georgia that serve students with disabilities.

Shiver will be joined by Cox and other local dignitaries, along with students who will finish up their lunch for the lunchtime groundbreaking.

"We're looking forward to having our own gym here on campus," Shiver said.

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