

BOND UPDATE #93

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1. As promised in last week's update, Cornerstone advertised several bid packages for subcontractor work on the new high school this week. Within only a few days of issuance, they are already receiving considerable interest from contractors. This is good news, since competition can often result in lower bid pricing. Bids for this first round are due on February 23 and 24.
2. The grandstand design for the new high school is complete, and we are moving forward with purchasing. As a way to save costs, we will be buying the grandstand (materials and installation) directly through a purchasing cooperative (KCDA). While Cornerstone will still coordinate and oversee the installation, using KCDA will prevent us from having to pay contractor markups on the purchase.
3. We met with the landscape architects this week to review the fencing plan. Several different types and heights of fencing will be involved in the FHS project.
4. We are engaged in conversations and decision-making about the site for the CTE classrooms located in what we are affectionately referring to as "the village." These include the existing weight room and the bid alternate buildings (the greenhouse, aquaculture lab, and ag science area).
5. We have begun work with the Health Department to make sure we are on track for all of the appropriate occupancy permits. The kitchen, concession areas, student store, and culinary arts room will require specific permits to allow for food preparation.
6. We had a meeting with EHSI (our hazardous materials consultant) to discuss the strategy for bidding the hazardous materials abatement work that will need to be done when we take down the existing FHS buildings. The high school site has both some areas we know contain hazardous materials and some areas we suspect may contain hazardous materials that are covered or encapsulated in a way that makes them too disruptive to test while the building is in use. We want to avoid the kind of expensive change orders that could occur down the road during demolition if we were to learn then that we have more abatement work to do than we predicted.
7. Since next week (February 1-5) will be the first time our secondary students are back in classrooms for in-person learning since last March, we have decided to reschedule the presentation of plans for the new high school during our Every Thursday Facebook Live program from February 4 to February 18. We need to preserve our time on February 4 and February 11 to answer additional questions about this major transition in our educational program.

If you have questions or comments about any of the content of this update, please feel free to reach out to me or one of my colleagues.

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