

BOND UPDATE #84

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Here's what's been going during the past week:

1. On November 3, lead Dykeman architect Tim Jewett made a presentation to Ferndale High School's CTE (Career & Technical Education) Advisory Committee on the current, nearly-complete design of the new FHS facility. He showed site plans, floor plans, and artist's renderings. He explained where we are in the overall process. He also answered questions from the group. When the presentation and discussion concluded, a number of participants expressed their excitement about the new building and thanked Tim and his team for their hard work, which has included listening and taking input from many different stakeholders.
2. We are planning similar presentations on the state of the new Ferndale High School project for the entire FHS staff and then for all other District staff and the Ferndale community. We anticipate these presentations will be scheduled prior to Winter Break.
3. Based on input from the District's CTE Advisory Board, the project team is making some adjustments to the CTE teaching spaces so that they will better accommodate the small engine program and student project storage. The overall floor plan will not change, but the team is exploring ways to fully enclose the covered outdoor space on the back side of the CTE wing to provide additional work areas and storage space.
4. Our CSG (Construction Services Group) project managers are working with BNSF Railway to determine if construction traffic will be able to access the high school site at the southeast corner of the campus (across BNSF property but not over the railroad tracks). If we are able to negotiate access from this point, we can keep construction traffic completely separate from all student/staff/public traffic entrances.
5. The project team is considering possible ways of honoring the original and historic aspects of the Ferndale High School facility within the new school. Some options include (1) placing photographs of the old buildings in the hallways, (2) relocating some of the historical features, and/or (3) re-creating important heritage items like the "It's a Matter of Pride" beam in the stadium and the "Eagle Pride" banner in the gym.
6. We are also using the building of the new facility as an opportunity to reassess the branding of FHS. On November 4, the FHS Branding Committee held the first of three meetings. This committee has been tasked with reviewing our current colors and logo, and deciding the direction we want to go in the new building. (Please be assured that the FHS blue and gold colors will remain, but the committee is looking at particular shades of blue and gold, including some historical iterations that were closer to navy blue and metallic gold. Likewise, the Golden Eagle will remain as

mascot. However, the committee is looking at the possibility of new designs and motifs.) The graphic design team from Dykeman Architects is facilitating this process with us. The committee is comprised of the following FHS students, graduates, employees, coaches, and community members: Jake Locker, Marty Moravec, Jamie Plenkovich, Donny Hennigs, Terri Yost, Patti Hoelzle, Alyvia Semu, Tatum Fox, Heather Leighton, Jay Julius, Brandi Tilton, Eric Tripp, and Jeremy Vincent

7. We are thrilled and very grateful for the overwhelmingly positive response to the Ferndale School District's Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy on the November 3 ballot. The tax rate approved earlier this week is only 60% of the amount we asked for in February 2020 to meet all our needs (\$1.50 per thousand instead of \$2.50 per thousand), but it will prevent us from ending up with a beautiful new high school facility without student programs to fill it. We extend our thanks to the Ferndale community. (I have included below a summary of all District elections over the past five years.)

Election Date	Election Type	Total Votes Cast	Percentage of Yes Votes	Outcome
February 9, 2016	4-Year Replacement Levy (2017-2020)	7,409	66.7%	Pass
November 6, 2018	Capital Projects Bond	15,224	58.64%	Fail
February 12, 2019	Capital Projects Bond	9,797	62.04%	Pass
February 11, 2020	4-Year Replacement Levy (2021-2024)	8,795	43.81%	Fail
November 3, 2020	2-Year Replacement Levy (2021-2022)	20,082*	62.76%	Pass

*The November 3 election will not be officially certified until November 25. Therefore, these number could change slightly.

As always, please reach out to me or one of my colleagues if you have questions.

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