

# BOND UPDATE #74

08.28.20

Here's what's been going on this week:

1. This is the final week of reviewing the Design Development documents for the new high school facility. The next step will be for the design team to respond to each of the comments via our online review system (Bluebeam). Any changes that result from the comments will be incorporated into the design documents as they move towards the Construction Document phase.
2. We are anticipating the next construction cost estimates from Cornerstone by September 1. This cost estimate will be compared with the independent cost estimate developed by RLB (Rider, Levett, Bucknall, a leading independent organization in cost management), and the two will be reconciled over the next few weeks. The end result will be an updated construction cost estimate that reflects the latest building and site design. This cost information will give us a better understanding of which bid alternates the budget can support.
3. District staff have begun the process of inventorying existing CTE equipment in order to determine what can be re-used at the new school. We will be establishing an objective process to evaluate the equipment, taking into account operational and safety concerns. Additionally, we need to ensure that the building's electrical and mechanical systems are correctly sized and located to run the equipment.
4. The District and the entire project team understands the importance of local participation in the construction of the new high school. As a reminder, Cornerstone has a goal of bidding out approximately 30% of the work to local Whatcom County businesses.
5. At the last School Board meeting (August 25), the District shared a series of drawings that show approximately what the new facility will look like once the Design Development documents have been translated into an actual building. School Board member Melinda Cool said the pictures gave her goosebumps. Student School Board member Cuong Nguyen said he was amazed and a little bit jealous of the students who would get to learn in the new school. The drawings have been posted on the website and can be accessed at this address:  
<https://www.ferndalesd.org/business-support-services/bond-2019>.
6. The work on the secure vestibules in our elementary and middle schools is also progressing according to schedule. I have attached some photos so you can see for yourself!

Secured Entries Construction Progress Photos

Date: August 27, 2020



Central Elementary secured entry is taking great shape with new doors and hardware going in.



Concrete is complete at the new secured entry at Skyline Elementary with trusses in place.



New storefront doors and glass panels are being installed at Horizon MS and is near completion.



The walk off mat installation was completed today at Horizon MS.

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The Eagleridge hollow metal frame doors have been relocated for the secured entry.



Another view of the secured entry and office access from the interior at Eagleridge.

As always, please reach out with questions.

Linda