

BOND UPDATE #62

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

1. A picture can do so much to make what was once conceptual come to life. The picture I am sharing below is a drawing that our architects at Dykeman used as part of a presentation to the Ferndale School Board on May 26 to illustrate the latest site plan, building layouts, and renderings. Although final selection of colors and finishes have yet to be determined, it was exciting to show off what the new high school could look like. Keep in mind that we are still very much at the stage where things can and will change. These are not final drawings, but they certainly put meat on the bones and demonstrate where we are with our project at this point.



2. As you know, not every building on the Ferndale High School campus will go away. The Performing Arts Center will remain and Dykeman will be designing the upgrades and construction that will take place as part of Cornerstone's overall contract. The design team is working with District staff to evaluate existing conditions at the PAC in order to determine the scope of those upgrades. Priorities for the upgrades will include the building envelope, indoor air quality/comfort, and cosmetic improvements to the performance areas. In addition, systems (like fire alarm, intercoms and phone systems) will be upgraded to ensure that they connect and "talk" to the new building.
3. At this week's School Board meeting, Ferndale High School Principal Jeremy Vincent presented a new idea that has come up recently that would involve re-using the existing CTE building to house the Golden Eagle Academy and Ferndale Virtual Academy, two growing Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) programs that are currently housed in one classroom in the PAC. So far, this is just an idea. Principal

Vincent prepared a written report to explain the concept at the request of the Bond Oversight Committee. He also presented it to the School Board, who indicated they would look forward to a recommendation, including some kind of cost/benefit analysis, from the BOC, since the BOC's purpose is, in part, to represent the perspectives of the voters in matters related to the bond. Principal Vincent's written report can be accessed through BoardDocs (Tuesday, May 26 Regular Meeting).

As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions or comments about any of this.

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