

BOND UPDATE #58

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

1. As part of the design development process, the team has continued to refine the site and floor plans for the new high school. One of the recent areas of focus has been on determining how we can best lay out the CTE and gym areas to maximize the value of using pre-engineered metal buildings. That work continues, and we look forward to bringing you updates as we make decisions in this area.
2. District staff and the consultants have been working together to further refine standards and specifications for the new high school. We want to make sure that our building will have a long life (50+ years) and that ongoing maintenance and operational costs will be minimized. To these ends, we have spent considerable time talking about material choices and maintenance processes in order to make the best possible decisions for Ferndale.
3. We are considering using a different type of technology -- Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) -- instead of the more traditional copper CAT6e for the network infrastructure in the new high school. GPON uses fiber, which could possibly be more cost effective and easier for installation and future upgrades. However, the District is not ready to make a final decision until we have thoroughly studied this issue and feel confident we are selecting the technology that will be most advantageous for the new school both now and in the future.

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

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