

# BOND UPDATE #43

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Here's what's been going on with our bond projects:

1. Work on the nearly 300-page Educational Specifications document has continued this week. The Ed Specs consist of a detailed narrative describing our educational program and the facility we need to facilitate it effectively. The document also identifies the number of rooms and spaces in the new school and the square footage allocated for each. We anticipate completing our review and editing of the Ed Specs by the end of January 2020. At some time after that, it will become a public document.
2. We held a series of meetings this week with consultants to kick-off the schematic design process. Topics covered included (1) civil engineering and landscaping (regarding site design); (2) geotechnical and structural preparations (regarding building foundations and soils); and (3) mechanical engineering (regarding building systems). These meetings were attended by representatives of Dykeman Architects, Cornerstone Construction, Construction Services Group (CSG/Project Managers), and District staff.
3. CSG continued to work with District staff this week on establishing District-wide design guidelines that will support best practices for efficient and cost-effective operations and maintenance. By developing such standards now, architects and engineers will be able to incorporate them into the design of the new high school. Additionally, these guidelines will serve as the District-wide standards for all future construction and/or renovation projects. Design guidelines are being developed in the following areas: (1) technology, (2) building design (interior and exterior), (3) site conditions, and (4) safety and security. This is an example of the way we are leveraging our current bond work to improve our operations across the District well into the future.
4. In several of our last bond updates, we have included a link to the three building sites currently under consideration for the new FHS. [You can see the most up-to-date site plans by following this link. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to see each option.](#) On Wednesday evening (January 15), Mark Deebach, Jeremy Vincent, and I met with the residents of Diane Court to share with them the building site we plan to recommend to the Design Advisory Committee, Bond Oversight Committee, and School Board next week. This week's meeting in Diane Court fulfilled our promise to residents of this neighborhood, which is situated just north of the FHS campus, that we would confer with them before making a final decision about the building site. At the meeting, we committed to communicating with them about future aspects of the project impacting their neighborhood as they come up. Our goal is to

be the best neighbors we can possibly be during this process, which starts with good communication.

5. We are getting very close to a final decision about where the new school will be sited. As indicated above, we will be sharing our recommendation with the Design Advisory Committee, the Bond Oversight Committee, and the School Board next week. We anticipate announcing the decision with a media release on or before January 29.
6. The next meeting of the Design Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 4:00-6:00 pm in the Ferndale High School Cafeteria.
7. The next meeting of the Bond Oversight Committee is scheduled for January 21, 2020, 7:00 pm at the District's Mountain View site. More information about the BOC may be accessed at this link <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>.
8. On a personal note, our Cornerstone Construction lead, Sam Comer, took a little break from bond work last week to spend with his wife and their brand new baby daughter, Mila, born January 9, 2020. (Congratulations, Comer Family!)

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