

BOND UPDATE #41

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

1. On December 9, the Executive Bond Steering Committee heard a first presentation from consultants who help with acquisition of what, in construction lingo, is referred to as FFE -- Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment. The consultants explained that, if you were to take a building, turn it upside down, and shake it, everything that falls out would be considered FFE. In other words, everything that is not built in. Part of the per square foot cost for a building like ours is allocated for FFE. Sometime after the first of the year, we will be assembling a small committee to gather input and help make decisions about this aspect of the project. Although it seems early, some of our furniture and equipment choices will influence building design, especially in areas like CTE and science labs.
2. The members of the Executive Bond Steering Committee are continuing the process of carefully going through each page of the 272-page Draft Educational Specifications document created by the architects with input from the Ferndale High School staff. The Ed Specs consist of a detailed narrative describing our educational program and the facility that will be needed to *facilitate* it effectively. The Ed Specs identify design features such as spatial sizes, quantities, spatial relationships, and other programming elements that impact learning and teaching. It is critical that the Ed Specs are reconciled with both the desired scope of work for our new high school and the budget we have available. We anticipate completing our review and editing of the Ed Specs sometime in January 2020, at which time it will become a public document.
3. In last week's bond update, we included a link to the three building sites currently under consideration for the new FHS. As our research and deliberation has continued, we have made some revisions in the third option. [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.](#)
4. By the end of January 2020, we intend to have a final decision about where the new school will be sited. Before that decision is made, we want to be able to process it one more time with the Design Advisory Committee; share it with the Bond Oversight Committee; and provide information (as promised) to neighbors who have asked questions about the site or who might be impacted by it.
5. 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.

6. 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>.
7. We will not be publishing weekly bond updates during Winter Break. Look for the next edition on Friday, January 10, 2020.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Linda