

BOND UPDATE #23

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

1. We have begun advertising our RFQ (Request For Qualifications) for GC/CM (General Contractor/Construction Manager) services for the new Ferndale High School. [That RFQ can be found here.](#) We were pleased to see that the *Daily Journal of Commerce* featured our project on the front page of the August 8 edition – the first day we began advertising our RFQ. [That feature can be found here.](#) (The full story is only available to subscribers.)
2. As you know, the City of Ferndale has been exploring the possible purchase of the Old Main facility to convert it into a new City Hall and courthouse. The members of the City Council voted on this proposal at their August 5 meeting, and they decided not to move forward. [You can find additional information here.](#)
3. Because one of the Bond Oversight Committee members is moving away, the Committee is recruiting a new alternate member. All those interested in applying for this position can access an application form at the following link: bit.ly/FSDBOCApplication.
4. We are grateful to all of the people who applied to serve on the Design Advisory Committee (DAC) for the new high school. The good news is the high degree of interest. The difficult news is that we are not able to accommodate everyone who expressed interest within the committee structure we have planned. Everyone who submitted an application was notified regarding their membership status this week. The first meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday, **August 13**. The second meeting, which was *originally* scheduled for August 27, will take place on Monday, **August 26**, and will include a full day for school tours.
5. Although not all applicants for the Design Advisory Committee were selected to serve on the committee, we want to encourage all of them to stay involved. We will make sure they receive future weekly bond updates via email. Those updates will contain timely information and opportunities to provide input. We are planning a number of focus groups this fall. We are also planning periodic Town Hall gatherings focused on the progress of the bond. Finally, we will provide staff members and other building users opportunities to communicate with the architects during the Educational Specifications process.
6. On Tuesday, August 6, representatives from Dykeman, CSG (Construction Services Group), and the District met with two engineers from Hargis to review the District's expectations for fire protection and security systems to address the critical maintenance and safety projects included in the bond.

If you have questions or comments about anything in this update, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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