

BOND

UPDATE #3

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Dear School District Staff,

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

1. We have finalized details for the Community Meeting on Saturday, March 9, confirming that the FHS jazz band, cheerleaders, and new mascot will all be on hand to help with the celebration. As part of the program, we will also be debuting our new ThoughtExchange tool for collecting input throughout the bond process.
2. Our full-page thank you ad was published in the March 6 edition of the *Ferndale Record*.
3. We have scheduled time on staff meeting agendas in all of our schools except one (still working on that one) to talk more about next steps in the bond process. During these meetings, we plan to share the specific projects included in the bond package for that particular school as well as more general information.
4. We have secured an outside facilitator to run the March 20 meeting between the School Board and the Oversight Committee, where the two groups will clarify their roles and finalize their operating procedures.
5. We have met with two construction management consultants from the ESD to figure out an internal governance structure during the bond process that will allow us to take on all of this new work while still maintaining other district functions. (We anticipate having a finalized structure to share within the next week or two.)

6. We have reviewed applications and narrowed down candidates for construction project manager(s), and we have scheduled interviews for next week.
7. We have continued our work with our financial and legal counsel to determine the best possible timing for the first sale of bonds, which will most likely occur in late spring or early summer.
8. We have learned that the co-chairs of the Support Ferndale Schools Citizens Committee, Joe Lupo and Wendy Lawrence, have been selected to receive the prestigious Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA) 2019 Community Leadership Award. They will be honored at a luncheon event on April 25.
9. We are continuing to collect bond-related questions for a Q&A page that will be housed on the district website for the duration of the project.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Linda