

# BOND

## UPDATE #1

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Dear School District Staff,

Today is the day our bond election will be officially certified as a victory. As of the last update from the auditor's office (which was posted at 4:25 pm yesterday), the approval percentage had climbed to **62.04%** with a total of 9,797 votes cast -- beautiful numbers that are going to change our district and community in significant ways. Thank you so much to every one of you who helped to achieve this success. It definitely was a whole-team effort.

I want to make sure our whole team is kept in the loop as we move forward with our post-bond-election work. To that end, we will be creating a webpage with more in-depth information and hosting a variety of meetings. I also plan to send you weekly updates like this one.

Here are some of the things that have been going on since we first got the news that our bond was passing on February 12.

1. A half dozen members of the district staff and the Citizens' Committee met the very next day to talk about all the ways we could thank our community, including putting messages on reader boards, waving thank you signs (which is happening this afternoon), taking out an ad in the newspaper, and writing personal notes. All of these efforts are underway.
2. In addition, we are planning a Community Town Hall Meeting in the FHS cafeteria on Saturday, on the afternoon of March 9, to thank our community and let them know what will come next. This is the statement we are putting out to advertise the event -- ***Ferndale School District Community Celebration and Next Steps: Join your community to celebrate the passage of our Ferndale School Bond. Bring the whole family to enjoy cake, food and information about next***

*steps. Members of the Ferndale School Board and the Community Oversight Committee will be in attendance to answer questions.*

3. FHS Principal Vincent has scheduled an optional meeting with FHS staff after school on Wednesday, February 27, to share with them what we know to date about how we will organize ourselves for the design phase of this process and how they will be involved. (We definitely don't have all of this figured out yet, so we are also looking for input.)
4. The members of the Executive Team plan to visit each of our district schools to talk about next steps before the middle of March.
5. We have scheduled a four-hour meeting on Monday, March 4, with the Executive Team, Principal Vincent, our Communications Department, and several consultants who have been through this kind of process before to begin to develop more specific internal structures and to develop a general timeline.
6. The seven members of the Citizens' Bond Oversight are getting together to organize themselves; and, at the same time, the Board is developing suggested guidelines for how they hope to interact with the Oversight Committee. The two groups are tentatively planning to meet together in the evening on March 20 to hammer out their working agreements.
7. We have put out an RFP for a construction management company and another one for architects and engineers.
8. We have begun working with the state to complete the D Form process, which is an early step in applying for state matching funds.
9. We have met with our financial consultants to consider a more detailed analysis of current market conditions to determine the best time to sell bonds.
10. We have scheduled a meeting with ESD staff to delve into a more detailed analysis of the construction budget.
11. We have started having conversations with the City about how we can work together with them through the permitting process.

12. We have been collecting questions for a Q&A document that will be housed on the website for the duration of the project. (Let us know if you have questions.)

There's definitely lots to do, but it feels so good to be on this side of the election. Again, I send my deepest gratitude for your help in getting us to this place.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Linda