

# BOND UPDATE #103

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

1. The FHS campus is buzzing with pre-construction activity. When I was on Memorial Field last Monday (April 12) to map out the area for the Groundbreaking Ceremony, I witnessed work being done to the CTE building to clear a space for Cornerstone's (general contractor) office trailer, which arrived on site the middle of this week. I also saw the fencing that was installed over Spring Break to separate construction areas from education areas.
2. As I have mentioned in my last updates, one of the first steps in the new FHS construction plan is to take down the grandstands and concessions building next to it. We anticipate this demolition will begin soon. However, before the existing structures can be taken down, we need to encapsulate any asbestos-containing materials so they can be disposed of safely. You may see workers wearing protective gear on the roof of the grandstands, which is all a part of the standard process of demolishing older structures.
3. In preparation for the demolition of the grandstands, we have also taken steps to preserve important historical elements and memorabilia. We have removed the yellow walkway, some of the blue seats, the high school logo, the championship board, and various other signs so that we can store them in a safe place until they can be re-introduced into the new campus.
4. The existing solar panels and wind turbine used by students in our CTE Power and Energy courses are also being removed and stored during construction so that they can be re-installed at a new location at a later date.
5. Another signal that we are transitioning from the design phase of the Ferndale High School project to the construction phase is that Dykeman Architects have handed off the leadership of our Wednesday meetings to Cornerstone Contractors. These meetings -- which we call our AOC meetings for Architects, Owners, and Contractors -- provide us a regular opportunity for us to communicate about the progress of the project and address decisions and action items in a timely fashion.
6. As I have shared in my last two Bond Updates, I am working with a team that includes several high school students to plan a Groundbreaking Ceremony on the FHS campus to commemorate the transition from the design phase to the construction phase. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 27, at 4:00 pm. Since Whatcom County has achieved its Phase 3 status relative to the pandemic, we will be able to entertain up to 400 people for this outdoor event, as long as we

follow health and safety guidelines. I have included an invitation to the Groundbreaking below.

7. Next Tuesday, April 20, the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) will hold its monthly meeting via Zoom. Interested parties can register in advance for this webinar by accessing the following link: <https://www.ferndalesd.org/community-oversight-committee>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you have questions or comments about any of the content of this update, please feel free to reach out to me or one of my colleagues.

Linda



## You are cordially invited to Ferndale High School's Groundbreaking Ceremony

This Groundbreaking Ceremony will mark the official beginning of the construction phase of our new high school project, which is definitely a milestone worth celebrating. Please join us for this special event.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021

**Time:** 4:00-5:00 pm

**Location:** Memorial Football Field, near the north goal post

**Special Instructions:** Masks and social distancing required