

BOND UPDATE #106

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

1. As we worked on redesigning nearly every other physical aspect of Ferndale High School, we realized it was the perfect time to refresh our logo as well. We have always been and always will be the Golden Eagles. However, our Eagle is receiving a makeover. A broad-based group of current and former FHS staff, students, and coaches met four times with two graphic designers to create a new version of the mighty bird, and also to update Ferndale's blue and gold. Actually, "update" is probably the wrong verb, since the committee decided to return to the FHS color palette of years ago, when the blue was more navy than royal. I can hardly wait to unveil the new designs, which should be finalized by the end of the month. Watch this space! Also, join me in sending virtual kudos to our Logo and School Colors Committee Members: Jeremy Vincent, Eric Tripp, Heather Leighton, Jamie Plenkovich, Jake Locker, Jay Julius, Marty Moravec, Donny Hennigs, Terri Yost, Patti Hoelzle, Brandi Tilton, Alyvia Semu, and Tatum Fox.
2. The demolition has begun! One of our old structures on the FHS campus came down this past Tuesday (May 4) to make room for the new facility. The grandstands on the east side of Memorial Field are no more, as you can see in the photograph I've posted below.
3. As the construction phase of our high school project gets underway, you can watch the action happen. A webcam installed on the roof of one of the existing buildings is recording video and sharing it on the District website, which can be accessed at this link: <https://app.truelook.com/?u=cf1619482381>. Once we knew the time when the grandstands were coming down last Tuesday, we posted an alert on the District website so those who wanted could tune in and watch it happen. However, if you missed the live performance, you can still visit the website to see the event in time lapse photography. The video is not streaming live, but it is updated every two hours with new images.
4. Now that the grandstands are down, our next steps will be to secure an LDP (Land Disturbance Permit), and then clear and grade the area in preparation for the new building.
5. I want to mention again this week that work on the electrical re-routing is continuing on the FHS campus, with more trenching around the buildings and sidewalks. We realize this may cause some inconvenience, and we want to thank everyone for safely noting and following temporary pathways.

6. Now that the construction has begun, our Project Team has moved its weekly meetings to review progress and discuss issues into the Cornerstone construction trailer on the FHS campus. After meeting virtually (via Zoom) for over a year, we are very happy to be able to resume in-person meetings – with proper protocols, of course.

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.

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