

BOND UPDATE #118

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Here's what's been going on with our bond project during the past week:

1. We recently received some excellent financial news. OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) officially approved our D-8 application, which confirms that we will definitely be getting State Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) funding. Knowing that SCAP funds are assured is good news, but the really excellent news is that the final amount is over \$1 more than OSPI originally estimated and we budgeted! We learned that our total SCAP funds will be \$21.44 million.
2. Work on the FHS campus has continued this past week. I have included some highlights below:
 - a. The reconfiguration of the fire alarm system has now been completed to ensure all of the existing buildings are monitored 24/7 throughout the remainder of the construction project
 - b. The new sewer installation is now past the existing buildings and being installed around the new high school. About 60% of the new sewer has been installed to date.
 - c. The new gas, electrical, data, and communication lines have been installed up to a point adjacent to the existing greenhouse. By the end of next week, these lines will have been extended all the way to the new building.
 - d. Progress on the new water main continues, and we anticipate it will be completed by August 13.
 - e. Now that the Geopier installation is finished, the entire footprint of the new building is ready for the foundations.
 - f. Foundation forming and pouring is presently happening under the academic wing of the new building. To date, about 1150 cubic yards of concrete have been poured.
 - g. Plumbing under the new building has started, and we anticipate our first plumbing inspections will occur within the next week.
 - h. Foundation excavation is beginning under the new gymnasium, and concrete will be poured in this area in the near future.

- i. Work continues on the stormwater detention system north of the existing gym. The liner and sand base is currently being installed, and we expect to start seeing the placement of the yellow/orange stormwater storage chambers soon.
3. I have once again included several photos from the Ferndale High School site at the end of this week's update.
4. A question came up recently about where the Golden Eagles are going to play their football games this fall (2021). We have made an agreement with the Blaine School District to play all Ferndale High School home football games in the new Blaine stadium until our new facility is completed.
5. Another question that has surfaced recently has to do with refreshing the Ferndale High School color scheme and logo. Specifically, the question was: Who is making the decisions about colors and logo?. Therefore, I am repeating the following information from an earlier Bond Update: A broad-based group of current and former FHS staff, students, and coaches have met multiple times with two graphic designers to create a new version of the mighty eagle 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. The Logo and School Colors Committee members include 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.

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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