

# BOND UPDATE #120

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

1. Work on the FHS campus has continued. This is a summary of recent accomplishments and plans for the week ahead:
  - a. The new sewer installation is now substantially complete. In any major project, it's particularly nice to achieve this milestone, since the process of getting the sewer in disturbs so much of the area around the new building.
  - b. The new water main is substantially complete as well. The waterline has been decontaminated, tested, and approved, and it is ready at this point to receive the water meter.
  - c. Concrete forming and pouring have continued in nearly every area of the building. Now the race is on to get enough concrete placed so that the building is ready to receive the structural steel scheduled to arrive in the fall.
  - d. Plumbing and electrical work has continued under the slab in the academic wing of the new building, and it will start next week in the new gym area.
  - e. Progress has continued on the stormwater detention system located north of the existing gym. The yellow/orange stormwater storage chambers now cover the entire bottom of the excavation (see the picture below). The next step will be to bury the chambers in gravel. Eventually, this portion of the stormwater detention system will be under the new football field.
  - f. With the installation of the new utilities complete, crews will be patching the asphalt on Golden Eagle Drive in time for the opening of school in September. Patchwork is also planned for the south and east sides of the existing CTE building.
2. With the new school year just around the corner, we have also been making plans for the return of staff and students to the Ferndale High School campus, which requires new considerations now that the campus is an active construction site. Our highest priority is, and will remain, the safety of all involved. However, at the same time, we want to do everything we can to include our students in the excitement of the project and provide them with multiple opportunities for first-hand learning about the construction trades. Fortunately for us, our general contractor, Cornerstone, shares these goals. In fact, they employ a former school principal, Vicki Puckett, to facilitate student outreach initiatives while the new facility is being built. Vicki has

been collaborating with the FHS administration over the summer, and here are some of the plans they have in the works:

- a. **T-Shirts:** Cornerstone and five partner subcontractors have offered to purchase commemorative shirts for all students and staff.
  - b. **Five-minute Welcome Back Video:** Cornerstone is producing a short video to introduce the project and emphasize safety protocols around the construction zone. The plan is to show the video in Advisory classes once students are back in school -- and also post it on the District's social media channels.
  - c. **Lunchtime Learning Events:** Vicki is working to schedule a series of lunches with different members of the construction team for students who are interested in hearing more about careers in the industry.
  - d. **Student-Produced Videos:** Vicki is planning to work with the CTE Video Productions teacher and students on creating regular videos to keep students and staff updated on the project as it progresses.
  - e. **Information Table at Freshman Orientation:** Vicki is coordinating with FHS Administrators and Dykeman Architects to make renderings available for our newest Golden Eagles to visualize what their new school is going to look like.
  - f. **Display in the High School Lobby:** Since we know everyone will be interested in the renderings, we are planning to find a permanent place for them in the FHS lobby or office once school starts.
3. Compliments of Cornerstone General Contractors, I have once again included several photos from the Ferndale High School construction site at the end of this week's update.
  4. The cladding repair at Custer Elementary is ongoing. Crews have now replaced and repaired many of the grout joints in the existing brick. The bricks have been washed and prepared for receiving the new sealer, which will preserve them well into the future. The whole project is still on schedule to be finished before classes resume on September 1.
  5. The Bond Oversight Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 24, at the typical time and location: 6 pm in the Vista Middle School library.

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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