

BOND UPDATE #121

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

1. Work on the FHS campus is moving forward on schedule. This is a summary of recent accomplishments and plans for the week(s) ahead:
 - a. Concrete foundation work is continuing in all areas of the building.
 - b. Plumbing and electrical work under the floor slab is continuing in the academic wing and has started in the new gym area.
 - c. Temporary sidewalks are being poured between Old Main and the current CTE building, which will provide pathways for students to travel between the two buildings during construction.
 - d. Final preparations are being made for our first floor slab pour next week, which will occur in the academic wing at the south side of the new building. The first floor slab pour on any project is an exciting day!
 - e. Work is continuing on the extensive stormwater detention system north of the existing gym. The yellow/orange stormwater storage chambers are now covering the entire bottom of the excavation. This week the chambers have been covered in gravel so that they are ready to make their final connections to the storm drain leading off site.
 - f. With the installation of the new utilities completed, crews will be patching the asphalt on Golden Eagle Drive in time for back-to-school traffic. Patchwork is also scheduled to occur on the south and east sides of the existing CTE building next week.
2. We are engaging in talks with our landscape architects about the best way(s) to ensure we can care for the plantings we intend to put in the new courtyard to keep them looking good over time. We recognize the importance of proactive planning for long-term maintenance.
3. To prepare for the return of students and staff to the FHS campus, we have scheduled a safety walk-through next week. Key leaders from the High School, the District, and the Contractors will be reviewing every aspect of the site to ensure appropriate safety protocols are in place.
4. The high school administration is working with Cornerstone to turn these safety protocols into a back-to-school presentation for students. The point person for this work is Eric Tripp, FHS Assistant Principal and Athletic/Activities Director.

5. At Ferndale High School's orientation program for incoming freshmen, new students, and students who were fully remote last year, we will have a table with information about the construction project and the new facility, along with some of the architects' renderings. That orientation program is scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 8:30 am-12:00 pm. After August 25, the renderings will be relocated to a display case in the high school lobby for all to see.
6. 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.
7. The cladding repairs at Custer Elementary are substantially complete. A small number of flashings still need to be installed, and this work will occur over the course of the next few weeks.
8. Our Project Managers from Construction Services Group are working with District staff on a long-range capital projects renewal plan that extends beyond the work covered by the 2019 bond. Completing such a plan has been a strong recommendation from the Bond Oversight Committee.
9. The Bond Oversight Committee will hold its monthly next Tuesday, August 24, at the typical time and location: 6:00 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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