

BOND UPDATE #130

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

1. The earth work at the high school construction site is winding down as we head into the cold and rainy season. Our timing has been good since the weather forecasts predict we'll receive a half-inch of rain every day for at least the next week.
2. Work on the FHS campus has continued to progress on schedule this past week. Some of the highlights are outlined below:
 - a. We are very close to completing all the ground level floor slabs. This week, slabs for the main gym and auxiliary gym were poured. This will only leave a small amount of corridor and the main electrical & mechanical rooms to pour. These final areas will be completed as the weather permits.
 - b. Structural steel work in the academic wing is ongoing and making good progress. Steel installation of the east half of the Academic wing started this week.
 - c. Next Monday, structural steel work for the athletic wing will begin. With two steel crews on site, progress will increase, and a lot of steel will be going up. Once that is complete, the roofing can start, which is always a major milestone on every project. Getting "In the Dry" always feels good, especially for the workers who have been working in the rain.
 - d. Exterior wall framing started this week at the west end of the academic wing, and drywall installers GK Knutson are ahead of schedule on installing metal studs. Crews will continue to install framing where it is possible & safe to do so, while the steel crews finish the structure.
 - e. Foundation excavation is close to wrapping up this week at the new football field grandstand area. Once the permit has been issued by the City of Ferndale, work on that structure's foundation will begin.
3. At the end of this week's update you will find several photos from the Ferndale High School site. You can find additional photos on the district website at the following link: [Bond 2019 - Ferndale School District \(ferndalesd.org\)](https://www.ferndalesd.org/bond-2019)
4. The Bond Oversight Committee held their monthly meeting on Tuesday. Here are some of the highlights:
 - a. Sam Comer from Cornerstone General Contractors shared an overview of the GC/CM budget process. He noted that there has been a 35% increase in construction material costs since the start of the calendar year.

- b. Staff from Construction Services Group (CSG) briefed the Committee about the process they are developing that will help the district update its capital facilities plan. The purpose of this plan is to ensure that there is a schedule to replace building systems such as HVAC equipment, roofs, and sprinkler systems on a regular cycle that will prolong the life span of the building.
- c. The Committee heard the latest update about the district's plan to pursue private and corporate sponsorship for the new high school. The School Board is expected to vote to form a new committee that will turn this plan into reality at their next business meeting on Tuesday the 26th.
- d. Ken Kuiken from Cornerstone gave an update on the status of the bond's critical needs projects that have been ongoing throughout the district.

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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