

BOND UPDATE #146

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

1. Wednesday night's Unified Basketball game against Bellingham High School was the final Golden Eagles game held in the old Ferndale High School gym. Unified sports – which are sponsored by the Special Olympics, not the WIAA like most high school sports – feature students in the special education program. Teams are divided by age and ability, not gender, and there are no playoffs. We had a large crowd of students and parents there cheering on the Golden Eagles that night! The gym is scheduled to be demolished this summer, and the new Athletic Wing should be complete by the end of next school year.
2. Work on the FHS campus has continued to progress this week. Some of the highlights are outlined below:
 - a. The last set of footings for the Football Field Grandstands was completed this week. Next week backfill around the footings will occur to prepare for constructing foundation walls and eventually the concrete slab in the grandstand area.
 - b. The walking path between the bus parking area and the new football field grandstands, which leads to the baseball/softball fields, is not open yet. Crews are working to get this path opened up for foot traffic to access the ballfields this spring.
 - c. Wall purlins (horizontal beams) are still being installed in the Athletic Wing. Insulated foam panel installation work over those purlins is about 50% complete.
 - d. Interior framing work on the third floor of the Academic Wing is about 85% complete. Framing work is ongoing on the mechanical mezzanine, which will serve the Athletic Wing, and sheetrock is now being installed on the perimeter walls of that area.
 - e. Electrical, plumbing, and ventilation infrastructure installation is about 95% finished on the first floor, 75% finished on the second floor and 35% finished on the third floor.
 - f. Door frames are being installed on the Academic Wing's second floor.
 - g. The weather barrier on the Academic Wing is nearing completion. There are only a few areas left that are still yellow (the color of the exterior sheet rock); they will soon be orange (the color of the weather barrier).
 - h. Permanent roofing installation work is ongoing over the Academic Wing, and crews are just starting to reach the commons area. Once the commons receives its permanent roofing, the entire main building will be "in the dry."

- i. The only item left for the Athletic Wing's metal roof is the ridge cap – a unique type of shingle built to withstand harsh winds at the top of a roof – and that will go in shortly.
 - j. Masonry work is mostly complete at both the west and east ends of the Academic Wing. Soon, they will meet in the middle on the south side.
 - k. Aluminum window frames are now being installed in the Academic Wing. Once the glass starts going in, controlling the temperature inside, keeping our workers warm and drying out the building will be much easier.
 - l. Metal siding work is just starting for the Academic Wing. Soon, the building will start to have a finished look – this is very exciting!
3. At the end of this week's update, you will find several photos of the Ferndale High School site. You can also find more photos on the district website at the following link: [Bond 2019 - Ferndale School District \(ferndalesd.org\)](http://ferndalesd.org)

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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