

BOND

UPDATE #2

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Dear School District Staff,

As promised last Friday, I intend to send you weekly notes about the bond-related work going on in the district. Here's the news from the past week:

1. We have continued to work out the details for the Community Meeting on March 9. Here is the invitation that has gone, or will soon be going, out through various communication channels:

Community Celebration & Next Steps

Join your community to celebrate the passage of our Ferndale School Bond. Bring the whole family to enjoy cake, food and information about next steps.

Members of the Ferndale School Board and the Community Bond Oversight Committee will be in attendance.

Many thanks to our food service partners at Sodexo for generously providing food for the event!

Saturday, March 9

2:00 – 4:00

Ferndale High School Cafeteria

With sincere thanks as we move forward together,
Ferndale School Board

2. We are taking out a full-page thank you ad in the *Ferndale Record* on behalf of the School Board and District staff. The ad will include the invitation above.

3. We held a celebration (with cake and apple cider toasts) with FHS staff after school on Wednesday, February 27. We also used the opportunity to share with them a very general overview of next steps and begin to answer/collect their questions.
4. We have contacted all building principals to request time on one of their next staff meeting agendas so we can talk to more staff about what comes next. (We will be contacting directors as well to see when we can connect face-to-face with other groups, like our bus drivers and maintenance crew.)
5. We met with one of the co-chairs of the Bond Oversight Committee on Monday, February 25, to figure out how we will interact with this important group. To that end, the Board approved draft policy language for the committee's charter at their School Board meeting on Tuesday, February 26, and that draft language has been shared with Oversight Committee members. We are still planning that the two groups (School Board and Oversight Committee) will hold a joint meeting on March 20 to finalize operating procedures.
6. We announced to the FHS staff and the district administrative team that Jeremy Vincent will serve as planning principal for the duration of the project. However, he will also retain his role as leader of the FHS staff. To accommodate the extra work, we plan to add another certificated administrator at FHS.
7. We have engaged the services of a group that has an electronic conversation tool called ThoughtExchange, which we plan to use as one vehicle for gathering community and staff input throughout the design and construction process. If all goes according to plan, we will be using the ThoughtExchange tool for the first time at the March 9 Community Thank You Event.
8. We are continuing to collect bond-related questions for a Q&A page that will be housed on the district website for the duration of the project.
9. As I mentioned last week, we have a four-hour meeting schedule on Monday, March 4, to map out in more detail how we will organize ourselves internally to accomplish this work. To this end, we have

invited two consultants to join us for part of the time to share successful models from other districts.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Linda