Dear School District Staff,

Here’s what’s been going on during the past week:

- At a regular School Board Meeting this week, the Board took action to officially authorize the Bond Oversight Committee. Oversight Committee meetings and communication will be publically available going forward. The School Board expects to have at least one additional meeting with the Oversight Committee to continue working on Committee bylaws and to determine what the Committee needs to support their work going forward. We will make sure to provide lots of information as this process unfolds. A media release with more information can be found here.

- A new Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been advertised and posted to our website. This RFQ seeks responses for Environmental/Hazardous Material Consulting, Traffic Engineering/Analysis, and other specialized consultants involved in the design and construction of a building like our new Ferndale High School. That RFQ can be found here.

- An RFQ for Architectural and Engineering Services was published last week and can be found here.

- A mandatory walk through for architects and engineers who are interested in responding to the RFQ for Architectural and Engineering Services has been scheduled for Friday, April 5th.

- CSG, our Construction Manager, met with the Executive Steering Committee on Thursday, March 28th. Here are a few key deadlines that our Team is planning for:
  - **April 5**: Mandatory Architect site visit @ FHS
  - **April 11**: Deadline for Architect Statements of Qualifications
  - **May 2019**: Architect to start Educational Spec process (a formal process for gathering input from a broad base of stakeholders including instructional and administrative staff, families, students and community members)
- **June 22:** Deadline to submit GC/CM application to CPARB for July 25th meeting (the CPARB is the Capital Projects Advisory Review Board which reviews alternative public works contracting procedures and provide guidance to state policymakers on ways to further enhance the quality, efficiency and accountability of public works contracting methods.)

- **July 25:** CPARB GC/CM application review meeting (this is the meeting at which we hope CPARB will consider our application to utilize the GC/CM method to build our project)

- We continued our scheduled visits to each building to provide staff with updates and to get input and questions. This week we visited Skyline, Horizon, and Custer. Our goal is to visit with each building staff before the end of April. We will repeat these visits throughout the entire process.

- We have begun offering an opt-in to these weekly updates. Everyone is welcome to subscribe via this link: [http://eepurl.com/gkTrWv](http://eepurl.com/gkTrWv)

- Our new public engagement tool Thoughtexchange is live. Please take a moment to jump into the Exchange to share your thoughts and to interact with ideas others have already shared. You can access our current Thoughtexchange [here](http://eepurl.com/gkTrWv).

- We have been approached by the City of Ferndale about an idea that would convert Old Main into the new City Hall and Council Chambers after we move into the new Ferndale High School. We were not approached about this until after the bond had already been passed, so was never part of our planning discussions. It is very preliminary and will require quite a bit more research to determine whether it is a viable option. Stay tuned.

**Next week (April 1-5) is Spring Break in the Ferndale School District and we will not be sending a Bond Update. Our next update will come on Friday, April 12th.**