

# BOND UPDATE #71

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Here's what's been going on this week:

1. The high school project reached another significant milestone this past week – right on schedule. Dykeman Architects have completed the Design Development (DD) documents.
2. We -- District staff, Construction Services Group project managers, and representatives from Cornerstone Construction -- will now spend the next few weeks reviewing all of the plans and specifications that are part of the DD documents, with the goal of providing feedback to the design team. These DD documents include LOTS of pages (hundreds) that would be several inches thick if they were to be printed. However, in order to save costs and trees, we have elected to do reviews all online without paper copies. Using a program called Bluebeam, every member of the review team can make comments and mark up the documents. The program keeps track of comments so they can be sorted and evaluated at the end of the comment period.
3. The opportunity to involve the contractor (Cornerstone) in this document review process is one of the advantages of the GC/CM (General Contractor/Contract Management) project delivery method we are using to design and build the new Ferndale High School. As our GC/CM, one of the responsibilities of Cornerstone is to conduct detailed document reviews. This process allows them the opportunity to eliminate constructability issues prior to the final set of construction documents. Their constructability review efforts will focus on the goals of (1) promoting the most efficient construction; (2) achieving the lowest possible construction cost; (3) identifying potential problem areas, deficiencies, ambiguities, discrepancies, and/or omissions; and (4) minimizing the chances of change orders after construction begins.
4. Cornerstone will also be doing another construction cost estimate based on the completed Design Development documents.
5. The Design Development documents were also delivered to the chair of the Bond Oversight Committee this past week.

As always, feel free to reach out to me with questions or comments about any of this.

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