

FRSD Bond Update *Design Work Continues*

The Fern Ridge School District continues its work to ensure that all elements of the \$26.7 million dollar bond approved by voters last May are delivered in a manner that will not only meet, but exceed the expectations of our community, students and staff.

Schematic design activities for both elementary schools are nearing completion and will be presented to the School Board in January. At Elmira Elementary School, the general building configurations are now complete. Mechanical and electrical systems are under review, while materials and finishes will be discussed after the first of the year. At Veneta Elementary School, the site team has developed the plans for the new kitchen and commons area and the new wing of classrooms.

Design work for the renovations at Fern Ridge Middle School started on December 16th with the first site design team meeting to review the scope of the project and complete a walk-through of the school to get a good idea of the affected spaces. The primary improvements at this site will include relocation of the main office to face the parking lot to provide better supervision, and enclosing the library to better meet the needs of programs using that space.

The site design teams at each building are made up of parents, staff and community members. The insight and perspectives that the members of these groups bring is vital to ensure that the spaces being created will be warm, welcoming, and serve the community for decades to come.

In addition to the building design work, the District is also developing security and technology standards that will be implemented District-wide to improve these environments. Security standards will address line of sight, perimeter and access controls, and expansion of the existing camera systems. Technology standards will address wireless access, student computers and labs, teaching aids, and phone and intercom systems.

One of the best places to get updates regarding progress on the bond work is the District's website at www.fernridge.k12.or.us/bond. This page contains loads of useful information including a description and timeline of all the bond projects, site design information, bids and awards, and monthly updates regarding general progress of work and bond related happenings.

The Fern Ridge School District provides a monthly update on the progress of the work funded by the \$26.7 million bond approved by voters last May, published on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information, visit the District's website at www.fernridge.k12.or.us/bond, or call the District Office at 541-935-2253.