

FRSD Bond Update *Investing in School Safety*

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.

The District is committed to providing our students with safe places to learn. With 1,350 students and 150 employees in our buildings every school day, the safety of our staff, students, visitors and volunteers is a top priority, and the bond will allow us to make significant improvements to campus safety and security.

The District is planning to spend upwards of \$1 million in bond funds to improve the learning environment by addressing line of sight, hardening of the perimeter, better access control, expansion of the existing camera systems, and reducing opportunities for bullying and vandalism. Among the projects:

- At Elmira Elementary School, the new building will include a reception area with a control vestibule, electronic perimeter controls, and security cameras.
- At Veneta Elementary School, the office will be reconfigured to move the reception area toward the parking lot with a new control vestibule and added windows. In addition, the PA system will be replaced and the entire building will be retrofitted with electronic perimeter controls and new security cameras.
- At Fern Ridge Middle School, the office will be relocated to the front of the building (facing west) with a new control vestibule and added windows. Classroom space will be recaptured in the old office location. In addition, the entire building will be retrofitted with electronic perimeter controls and new security cameras.
- At Elmira High School, the entire building will be retrofitted with electronic perimeter controls and additional security cameras will be installed. In addition, the main athletic field lights will be replaced.

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 about bond activities, visit the District's website at www.fernridge.k12.or.us/bond, or call the District Office at 541-935-2253.