

150 Dunckelites Sent To NFHS

FARMINGTON Some 150 eighth graders now contributing to overcrowding at O.E. Dunckel Junior High School will be

transferred to North Farmington High next fall. The Farmington Board of Education, in making that decision Tuesday, said students making the switch are residents of Sections 3, 4, 9 and 10 who could walk to their new school.

THE BOARD at the same meeting also authorized appointment of Ralls - Hamill-Becker Associates of Livonia to provide both architectural and construction management services for the addition of media centers to Wooddale, Gill and Middlebelt elementary schools.

The estimated \$300,000 construction will be funded from the balance remaining of an \$11 million bond issue approved by voters in 1967.

The bond issue already has built Harrison High School and Woodcrest Elementary School, is budgeted for a fifth junior high school now on the drawing boards, and has paid for additions and media centers at Olivet, Larkshire and Longacre elementary schools.

The new construction will mean nine of the district's 19 elementary schools will be equipped with media centers.

SEVEN alternatives were considered for relieving overcrowding at Dunckel before agreement was reached to transfer the 150 to North Farmington, Supt. Robert Smith reported.

The original school and a later permanent addition were designed to handle 1,020 students.

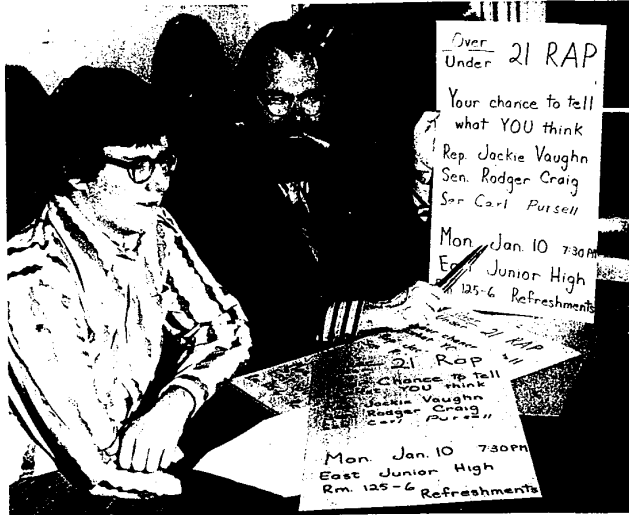
Portable classrooms were added to accommodate a total of 1,138 students in 1970-71, and 1,162 students in 1971-72, Dr. Smith said, and many of the special facility areas are overburdened.

Projected enrollment for 1972-73 without the transfers would be 1,200 students, he said.

Completion of the fifth junior high school in Section 1, now scheduled for completion in September, 1973, is expected to relieve overcrowding at both Dunckel and Farmington junior high schools and eliminate ninth grades at Harrison and North Farmington high schools.

Bids on the fifth junior high are scheduled to go out in February and construction to start in March, according to Harry Stultz, director of buildings and grounds.

FARMINGTON was the first district in Michigan to use the construction management concept when the Shiawassee addition was built last year.



INVOLVEMENT—"Politics Can Be Your Bag" is the theme for a youth rally to encourage young persons to become involved in politics. Sponsored by the Farmington Democratic Club, the program will be held Monday, Jan. 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Room 125-6 of East

Junior High School. Speakers will include Rep. Jackie Vaughn (D-Detroit) former Sen. Roger Craig of Dearborn and Sen. Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) Displaying posters are Mike Shpiece (left), promotion chairman, and Garry Dawson, program chairman. (Evert photo)

County OKs Traffic Signal

FARMINGTON The board of the Oakland County Road Commission has approved a traffic control order providing for a traffic signal at I - 696 and Orchard Lake Rd.

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FARMINGTON The state wants to assume itself of responsibility for maintenance of Grand River, but the City of Farmington feels the state ought to add an extra lane and new surface before turning the road over to Oakland County.

The city has entered into an agreement with the Michigan State Highway Department to accept Grand River and then turn over jurisdiction to the Oakland County Road Commission.

But that agreement was based on the premise that the state would bring Grand River up to proper condition before the turn - back becomes official, says City Manager John Dinan.

THE AGREEMENT was made in 1968 and now, after several delays by the state, a meeting has been set for Jan. 17 between state, county and city officials to discuss transfer of maintenance responsibilities.

Dinan will be meeting with county road officials Jan. 13 to

see if the county will agree with the city's standard for improvements to Grand River.

Dinan hopes to use the negotiating for the turn - back agreement as a wedge to add a fourth lane to Grand River from Gill to Halstead.

The city would also like the state to add up to two inches of

asphalt cap throughout the city limits on Grand River and replace several hundred feet of existing curbing.

At Monday night's council meeting, Dinan suggested that once jurisdiction is turned over to Oakland County, the city could enter a maintenance agreement and maintain Grand River with

payments from the county.

A SIMILAR contract, re-executed Monday night, has been used to allow the city to maintain Farmington Rd. from Eight Mile to Grand River.

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