

EMOTION

Pupils make dramatic plea

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District will be faced sometime in the near future with further moves to close schools.

"The district must look down the road four or five years from now to see what the picture will really look like," he continued.

"Somehow we must look at the long range growth of the district and try to work with that."

In considering alternative plans, administrators said that keeping Farmington Junior High open would cost more because of staffing and program offerings.

"As a school gets smaller, it loses its power to offer certain things to the student. There is a decreased ability to offer services as enrollments go down," Schulman said.

"The district has talked about this problem for two years. We kept it open one year longer than we thought we could, but the district couldn't offer a diversified program and it wouldn't be gaining anything by keeping it open any longer," Schulman said.

District Business Manager William Prisk said that closing the junior high will mean a savings of at least \$250,000 to the district.

BUT BUSING costs for transporting the students to the other junior high schools would total about \$5,000 under one plan being considered by the school board.

"Bringing other students into the school would increase costs because of other problems encountered," Prisk said. "The whole purpose of closing Farmington Junior is to accrue the reasonable costs for the district."

"The district has reached a point where it is no longer possible to keep Farmington Junior High open and I admit we are not comfortable with this decision," Prisk said.

The district would also have to consider

"For many students and area residents, Farmington Junior High School represents the city. It's a community landmark, the mother of all junior highs. You take away the pride in our city when you take away our junior high."

—Farmington Junior students

the possibility of laying off more teachers and increasing the class size at the other four junior highs when the transfers are made for next year.

"Teacher lay-offs are another problem that the board hasn't come to grips with yet," Corliss added. "There will be cuts even if Farmington Junior High closes. Classrooms will increase in size but there is no way we can avoid that at this time."

"The district is experiencing financial difficulties. When we say we will save \$200,000 by closing Farmington, we are talking about a fraction of the \$13 million downfall the district must contend with," Corliss said.

The board and administration has not yet decided what will happen to the Farmington facility when it closes. That question will be discussed at a future board meeting.

VAN AMEYDE said the building possibly could be turned into some other form of educational facility, but that and other alternatives would need careful consideration.



A parent of a Farmington Junior High student voices his concern about the future of the school facility and what will happen to the building once pupils are transferred to other schools.

Staff photos by Harry Mauthe



Parents and students from Farmington Junior High, the oldest school in the district, showed up en force at Tuesday night's school board meeting to find out what the fate of their children and the old school will be because of declining enrollments and cutbacks in funding.



Lewis Schulman, assistant superintendent of secondary education for the district, was the bearer of bad news for the community as he

explained the reasons for the closing of Farmington Junior High and what possibly might happen to uprooted students.

70 high school seniors are Phi Beta Kappa honor winners

Seventy Farmington School District graduating high school seniors will be honored by the Detroit Association of Phi Beta Kappa for their scholastic achievement.

The honor convocation will be 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 10 in Ford Auditorium. To be eligible for this honor, a student must achieve a minimum of 37 honor point average out of a possible 40 in grades 10, 11 and 12 in the following areas: mathematics, English, social studies, foreign language and laboratory science.

The seventy honor winners are: Janet Al-laben, Leon Baginski, Bruce Baker, Laura Bambarh, Monica Bednarczyk, Janice Borden, Michael Benjamin, Craig Bloomer, Maraan Brantle, Karen Broadhead, and Lynn Burrell.

Others are: William Cline, Nancy Curtis, Carl Davis, Susan DeYoung, Ralph Dunde, Timothy Dool, Kathleen Dreyer, Kenneth

Dudek, Julie Finn, Edie Fishman, David Frieder, Linda Goodwin, Lee Greenegan, Kim Victoria Kimler, Jane Kewes, Jeffrey Klein, Michael Kozus, and Melissa Kraase.

Also included are: Jane McLaren, Linda LaMond, Stuart LeJday, Kim Landrumath, Kenneth McLaren, Jeffrey McPike, Alan David Maxumull, Elizabeth Meekman, Karen Morrison, David Medforton, Kevin Murray, Christoph Myers, Catherine Perrano, Janet Peterson, Patricia Rennie, Phare Rose, and Karen Roach.

Local coeds act in 'The Women'

Three local coeds took part in Western Michigan University's production of Clare Booth Luce's comedy, "The Women."

Nancy Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Williams, 2025 Glencastle, Farmington and Joy Flehman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Flehman, 23120 Baintree, Farmington Hills were in the play.

Harger, Jeff Hartwig, Nancy Herko, Sharon Junejan, Elizabeth Kaplan, Dawn Kim, Victoria Kimler, Jane Kewes, Jeffrey Klein, Michael Kozus, and Melissa Kraase.

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Also honored are: James Skiffeld, Lewis Sandy, James Scheiman, Jean Schuma-cher, Peter Sittnick, William Stephenson, Michael Styles, Mary Kay Sandt, Peggy Sutherland, Richard Sutton, Bradley Teus, Christina Trout, Keith Varsen, Richard Wallace, Marcy Warbea, and David Wil-



Sue Cromwell, another concerned parent, proposed the alternative plan of phasing out students by class over the next several years in order to let children attend the school they love. Administrators say that plan would prove too costly for the district.



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