

Walled Lake schools expect influx

Pill or no pill, enrollment in the Walled Lake schools is projected to rise by 1,093 students over the next five years, according to Deputy Superintendent Roland Langerman.

Because of mushrooming housing starts, student population is expected to increase from the current level of 11,630 to 12,723 by 1982, with the greatest concentration in the elementary grades.

By the end of the current school year, 209 additional students will have enrolled: 189 at the elementary level, 43 in junior high school, and 57 in senior high school, Langerman estimated.

Langerman, who has attended meetings of municipal planning commissions within the school district, said he based his projections on single family

and multiple housing projects that have already been approved for construction.

The estimates are firm, he emphasized.

As a result of Langerman's projections, the school board last week authorized the deputy superintendent to develop a proposal for a citizens advisory committee to study future building needs.

During the late 1950's and early 1960's the district's population grew on the average of 335 students per year, Langerman recalled.

That trend slowed down in the late 1960's and early 1970's, Langerman said, because of such factors as the birth control pill, depression in the housing market, and a trend toward condominium living.

Increased construction of single family homes - which tend to contain more children than multiples - since

the M-275 project was scuttled last winter, will contribute toward the enrollment increase, Langerman said.

The influx of elementary students is expected to reverse in which the majority of students had progressed through increasingly higher grade levels, Langerman said.

In addition, Langerman noted that an additional 14 projects, most of them single family units, which have not received final approval, could affect enrollments after 1978.

Langerman did not include those projects in his calculations, however.

Elementary schools expecting the highest student increases by the end of this year are: Maple, 26 students; Dublin, 25; Loom Lake, 22; Twin Beach, 13; Union Lake, 8; Wixom, 7; Keith, 5; and Oakley Park, 3.

By June, Walled Lake Junior High should have an additional 24 students,

while the enrollment at Clifford Smart should increase by 19.

Western High should have 32 and Central should have 25 new students by June, Langerman estimated.

Over the next five years, Centrals population should increase by 59, while Western's is expected to rise by 162 for a total of 221 new high school students.

In the junior high schools, Clifford Smart should increase by 47, while Walled Lake Junior High should have an additional 145 for a total of 192 students.

The five-year totals for the elementary schools include: Maple, 238; Wixom, 178; Walled Lake, 67; Dublin, 60; Loom Lake, 53; Twin Beach, 35; Union Lake, 13; Keith, 13; and Oakley Park, 3; for a grand total of 680 youngsters.

No increases are expected at Commerce, Decker, and Gilegry schools, Langerman said.

Course explores Korea

Beginning Oct. 6, an eight-week course will be offered on Korean culture, language, heritage, cooking and other aspects of Korean life at the Korean Community Church in Southfield.

The course is free and open to the public. Classes meet 7:30 p.m. at the Korean Community Church of Metropolitan Detroit, United Presbyterian, 27075 Nine Mile.

The church is co-sponsoring the series of seminars with the Michigan Families of Adopted Foreign Children of Detroit.

Persons who wish to register for the course may contact the Foreign Children organization, 15639 W. McNichols, at 838-5911 or 274-6191. Persons may also register by calling the Korean Community Church at 356-4488 or 559-6828.

The courses are being coordinated by Dr. Jaek-wong Rhee.

During the first hour of each seminar, participants will study the Korean language. The second hour will be devoted to a variety of subjects, ranging from cooking to Korean heritage.

"It will be very comprehensive," said Rev. Andrew Kim, minister of the Community Church.

In conjunction with the seminar, the church is presenting a Korean watercolor exhibit. The artwork, by Mrs. Eunsim Yook and her son Philip, will be on display daily in the church lounge, Oct. 2-16.

Southfielder scores

Steven J. Heidrich of Southfield has achieved Commended Student Status in the 23rd annual 1978 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The honor is the result of outstanding performance on the Preliminary Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which was administered nationwide to high school juniors in October 1976.

Steven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heidrich, is a senior at Brother Rice High School in Birmingham.

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