# Farmington school gains new purpose

Fairview Elementary school is gaining new life as an early childhood development center this fall. The school, which closed last spring because of declining enrollment, will be opened to pre-school youngsters curolled in special programs now scattered through five schools. The Head Start program at William Grace Elementary school and classes for the physically and mentally handicapped pre-schooler "Il consolidate in Fairview.

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Re-opening Fairview will cost the school district about \$22,000 annually in upleap. But the programs will be funded through government grants, according to Don Howell, of the district's adult education program. In voting to open the school, last week, at least one member of the board of education cast an eye at future budget concerns.

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"It's a great program. I just wish we had more money," Shpiece said.
Administrators and trustees looked at the move as a way to use a building that cost the district one-half million dollars to construct.
"We owe a debt to the community.

fine building stand empty," said School Supt. Lewis Schalman.
Using the one-stary building for landicapped youngsters of pre-school age has several advartages, according to flowell.
"It will bring into focus the pre-school child. It won't make them conform to a kindergarten to sixth grade stuation," he said.
Rather than being annexed to a program geared to older students, Fairview will concentrate on the younger children.

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Specialists will be available to all students with speech, language or psychological problems, according to Howell.

MULTI-HANDICAPPED children

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MULT-HANDICAPPED children will be able to receive help from a variety of sources under one roof, he added.

Eventually, he hopes to offer preschool programs to all non-handisapped youngsters, too.

A testing center to determine problems in youngsters is also projected for the center.

Presently, teachers who are placed in programs dealing with pre-school youngster with handicaps will be transferred to Fairview.

The district doesn't expect to hire new teachers for the program, according to Howeil.

Busing costs for the children will be covered by government programs, according to Howeil.

## Senior housing passed

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those who meet the income criteria and show the most need, he said. It is typical in this type of project for between 8.54 per cent of the tenacts to be residents of within five square miles of the proposed building, he added.

The development firm has com-pleted about 130 similar complexes in the U.S., including the new Ziegler

senior citizen housing complex in Livonia, which also is a HUD rent-sub-sidized project, Darry added. Forest Cty manages about 30 of those com-plexes, and plants to own and operate the Farmington project.

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Taxes accrued to the City of Farm-ington and the Farmington School Dis-trict on the housing complex are expected to be in excess of \$100,000 armually, indicated City Mgr. Robert Deadman.



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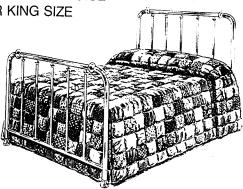
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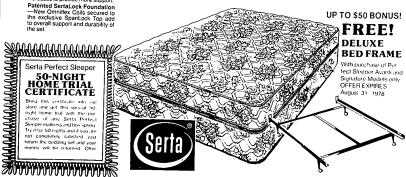
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