### Freedom of Information

# School district denies charges

The Walled Lake School District has denied that it has violated the state Freedom of Information Act by refusing to release a copy of Superintendent Don Sheldon's contract. The denial came in the form of an answer filed in Oakland County Circuit Court to Arapes filed by Arthur Stokus, a performing arts teacher at Walled Lake Western High School. Stokus filed the complaint in Circuit Court in January after previous attempts to obtain a copy of the superintendent's contract between the district and its superintendent contract that the superintendent is contract under the Freedom of Information Act had been unsuccessful.

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The complaint seeks a writ of mandamus which would compel the school
district to release a copy of the conract or be found in contempt of court.

In a document filed with the court
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trict denied the three major allegations in the complaint.
Specifically, the attorneys for the school district denied that:
The documentation sought by Stokus is not exempt from disclosure as a public record under the Freedom of The board host arbitrarily and capriciously violated the Freedom of Internation Act by refusing to disclose or provide a copy of the public docu-

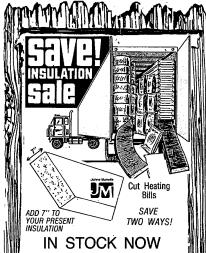
JOSEPH GOLDEN, the attorney representing Stokus in the court proceedings, reported that he will file a show-cause motion in Circuit Court. The show-cause motion will require representatives of the school district to appear in court and show why the writ of mandamus should not be issued. Stokus decided to seek legal action requiring the release of the superintendent's contract after previous efforts to secure the document had been denied by school administrators. Stokus originally requested a copy of the contract trom the administration, but was denied access to the information on the basis that disclosure of the contract would constitute a "clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual"sprivacy."

The administrative decision was supported by the Walled Lake Board of Education at its Dec. 11 meeting when its members worded unanimously not to release the contract.

In addition to the writ of mandamus.

## WSU workshop offers directing, acting study

Wayne State University's Workshop in Directing and Acting for Film will present several new film shorts at the General Lectures Auditorium (on Warten and Thirdy on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 3 m. No admission will be charged. The workshop, conceived by N. Joseph Calarco (theater) and John Mason (film), involves the collaboration of advanced film production students and advanced actors from the Hilberty company. It was formed to give clim students a chance to work with professionally trained actors and to give acting students the opportunity to learn frough actual practice the techniques of performing before a camera. The results of the collaboration-presented as work in progress—are from some film students of the collaboration-presented as work in progress—are work as a center of film production. For additional information, Call N. 18 ms. 18 m



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