

# \$100,000 at stake

## State cuts squeeze Clarenceville

The Clarenceville School District expects to be more than \$100,000 in the red if Gov. William Milliken succeeds in his recently announced plan to trim state aid to local schools by another \$65 million.

School officials had forecast about \$822,000 in state aid. They now say the governor's plan will reduce state monies to the district by about \$100,000.

The 2,200-student district includes parts of Livonia, Farmington Hills and Redford Township.

Early estimates indicate about \$71,000 of the proposed cut will come out of general aid — which is allocated by the school board — while \$29,000 would be cut from aid to such specific categories as transportation.

With the school budget already pre-

cariously balanced — earlier projections had estimated a \$12-13,000 deficit — the planned aid cuts mean the district will have to virtually exhaust an existing surplus to cover immediate expenses, said Edward Salisz, assistant superintendent for business affairs.

General school accounting procedures call for such surpluses, often called fund equities, to total 10 percent of annual spending. With Clarenceville's \$5.2 million budget, that means the district should have about \$500,000 set aside for emergencies.

SALISZ, HOWEVER, said the equity stands at only about \$140,000. He said that if the Governor's planned cuts go through the district will have to use this money leaving Clarenceville with no contingency money for emergencies.

"We'll have to take a look at all our programs to see if there's anything we can delay or cancel," said Salisz. "But we've been doing that all along, and you can only delay things so long."

"A major catastrophe, and by that I mean a furnace going out or a big leak in a roof, would just wipe us out," said Salisz.

Salisz ruled out an attempt to bail out the district through voter approval of increased taxes. Clarenceville voters approved a one-year tax increase in September which is expected to net the district about \$113,000, but Salisz said that increase brought the district to the maximum tax levy allowed by law.

Salisz said the state aid cuts pose no immediate threat of staff cuts.

"We're going to have just enough to meet our payroll in December," he said. School taxes are due next month, and Salisz said the district is "hoping we'll get some taxes in" quickly to pay January's payroll.

"We're going to get by the best we can," said Salisz.

Livonia School District administrators, meanwhile, last week estimated the state aid cuts will trim their budget by more than \$1 million.

## Vandals hit new home

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Rubin owns a small manufacturing firm in Wayne.

Mrs. Rubin said the cost of rectifying the problems caused by the vandalism is not as bad as the possible significance behind it.

"It's not the expense," she said, "I'd rather see busted windows than see the work of some mentally unbalanced person."

"Fortunately, they haven't got inside, although there has been other disgusting things, like urinating on the walls."

The quad-level home has a tower, a spiral staircase, basement sauna and four bedrooms. Mrs. Rubin says costs are running "in the \$450,000 range."

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