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doing a comparative study of cultures," Domalske said.

The Livonia board policy pertaining to holiday programs has not been changed since the early 1960s but the district's schools "tend toward more spring performances," he added.

This "helps stay away from the choice of selections this time of year which tends to be a problem for some folks," Domalske

A COMMITTEE in Bloomfield Hills reviews the concert program for each school annually. The school district's position. outlined in an administrative procedure, is that "the origins and cultural significance of religious holidays should be understood and presented in our schools because of the role they play in education and respect for others.

But "at no time may the presentations be devotional in nature nor be intended to indoctrinate."

Students also are not required to sing or repeat words which are in conflict with their religious beliefs.

Birmingham principals "are encouraged to take a personal interest in (holiday) programs to assure themselves there won't be those kinds of problems," Goetz said.

"It is important that the schools respect the constitutional provisions and judicial rulings which draw the line between the appreciation of religious heritage' and the practice of religious devotion and ceremony," " the Birmingham board policy states.



