

# Educators tell legislators how to improve schools

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Michigan legislators are looking for ways schools can offer more education at less cost.

And area educators — who will have to work with the results — didn't miss a chance to offer opinions.

A public hearing Friday on the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the kindergarten-12 system brought out several school superintendents from Oakland and Wayne counties. Teachers, school board members and parents also spoke at the three-hour session in Wayne County Intermediate School District.

Issues ran the gamut from school fi-

naning and teacher certification to preventing recall of board members and combining driver's training with a health course covering alcohol and sex education.

"We appreciate the generosity extended to those of us who work in the day-to-day education of Michigan children," said Wayne-Westland Superintendent Timothy Dyer, among those who offered suggestions to the legislators.

PART OF a special study on providing better educational services in a more cost effective manner, the hearing was the second this month sponsored by the Michigan House of Representatives' Ad Hoc Committee on Michigan's K-12 Education system.

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and ways to reduce financial disparities between districts.

"We want to find out how we can help you be more effective in delivering an educational system to our children," explained Rep. William R. Keith, D-Garden City, who co-chaired the proceeding with Rep. James E. O'Neill Jr., D-Saginaw.

MOST SPEAKERS asked attention be given to school financing, which de-

pends a great deal on the wealth of each school district. Several lamented what they see as inadequate state aid.

"Issues facing education are complex and do not lend themselves to a quick fix," said Livonia Supt. George Garver, who urged reduced class size and a statewide priority on early education through the third grade.

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Farmington Supt. Lewis Schulman asked legislators to examine carefully the funding process. "Restore proper educational funding to the state of Michigan," Schulman said.

Some districts, which have a greater number of economically or disadvantaged students, carry even more of a burden. They are required by the state to offer special education, bi-lingual

and other programs to upgrade these youth.

"I recognize we have the responsibility to serve all students," said Detroit Supt. Arthur Jefferson, explaining that his district has taken away from other necessities to provide such mandated programs as busing and bi-lingual education.

"These are some of the problems we face that are beyond solution with local funding alone."

Speakers commented on current controversial issues such as teacher certification, statewide comprehension tests for children, and teacher reassignment after cutbacks.

RECALLS ARE a concern for Wayne County Intermediate District Supt. William Simmons. He said that only 45 percent of the county's 239 board members are serving their second terms.

## Medical examiner comes on board

After an extensive search, Oakland County has a new medical examiner.

Dr. Hill Brooks began his new position Oct. 1. He comes from the University of Texas Medical School in Dallas, where he taught forensic pathology and conducted autopsies for Dallas County.

The 35-year-old is a graduate of Texas Christian University and Tulane Medical School. He spent most of his professional life working as a pathologist and established pathology labs in Texas and Minnesota.

In addition, Brooks recently completed a yearlong program at the Insti-

tute of Forensic Science in Dallas and is now a board certified forensic pathologist.

Brooks signed a one-year \$85,000 contract which contains a clause for annual renewal.

"We're very happy to have Dr. Brooks aboard," said Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy, who added that many people were interviewed for the position.

"I'm especially pleased that key professional people in the field joined with us in the interviewing process."

## Massey films at OCC campus

"The Massey Tapes," filmed lectures on modern management psychology, will be shown at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus, 7359 Cooley Lake Road, Union Lake.

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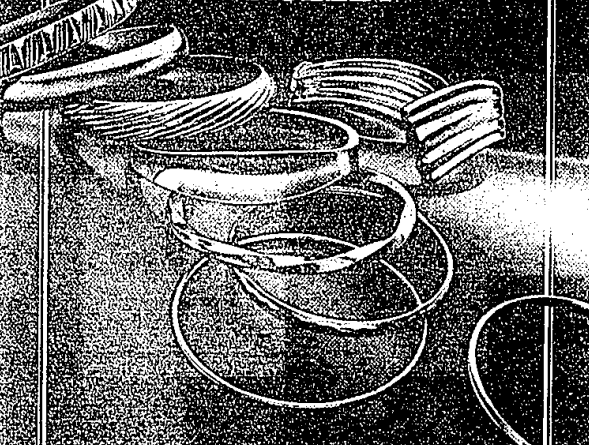
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