Active housewife seeks spot on board

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third n a scries of storics about the can-idates who are running for the Tarmington Board of Education in he June 11 school election.

Roxanno M. Fitzpatrick is a busy suburban housewife who'll be even busier if her latest project works out. Fitzpatrick — wife and mother, president of a parent-teacher association council, member of school-district task forces — wants to continue her interest in public education by getting

elected to the Farmington Board of Ed-

uention.

The 32-year-old mother of three children is one of five candidates who are running for two seats on the Farmington Board. The top two vote-getters in the June 11 election will serve four-

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Fitzpatrick's desire to become in-volved in school matters goes back to the days when her youngest child were in the Royal Oak Public Schools.

"My son was in a co-op nursery

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"My son was in a co-op nursery
where the parents come in and work
along with the teachers," ahe said. "I
kind of wanted to know whnt was going
on in the class. It just kind of blossomed from there.
"My interest continued when we
moved to Farmington Hills. I'm the
kind of person who likes to know what's
going on, and I've always tried to be
very involved. If you want anything to
be changed for the better, you've got to
know what's happing right now."

Fitzgerald belped the Farmingtor Board decide which schools to close because of declining enrollment and how to dispose of unneeded property. "I fearned an awful lot about the school system through those committees," she said. "I learned things like where the declining enrollment's at an where the bouses are being built, bow old the schools are and how much is counted to become and being built, bow old the schools are and how much is counted to become and being built. FITZPATRICK REEPS UP with

FITPATRICK REEPS UP with Farmington school matters through the PTA mean conneil president the past three years council president the past three years are verying or task force committees which study district problems. Sho's especially pleased with the PTA work, although abo now has someone filling in as president while abe campaigns for the board. "We do an awful lot more than most people know," abe said. "We have state and national affiliations so we car check out bills having to do with education. We also have our Reflections programs and our high school scholarships on the local level." While serving on school task forces:

old the schools are and how much it costs to keep them up."

Asked to name some campaign is sues, Fitzpatrick mentioned "keeping current on the curriculum" and turning out "marketable" high school graduates.

"My big thing is that they have to keep current on the curriculum be While serving on school task forces

Roxanne Fitzpatrick, involved with schools

cause overything is changing so fast especially in science and math," she said.

said. "Every five years we look over the text books. They've been in the process of doing that for awhile now. At the high school level, each area has a director, and they go oyer all the books It's a long process. I couldn't believe how long it takes."

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FITZPATRICK, WHO spent two years at Macomb Community College after graduating from Warren Mot Hgh School, and she has spoken to present board members about "makin sure that, when the kids leave the Farmington system, when they graduate, they're marketable in something.

"Maybe they won't be able to go ou and get a \$50.000 job," had added, "bu If they don't go on to college, they'll be able to get a secretarial job, or will vocational training they'll be able to go on to something.

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"I really do stress that the kids have a marketable skill when they leave their high schools."

Farmington's teachers "should have a major or a minor in the class that they are teaching." Fittpatrick said Furthermore, teachers who need retraining should get it at district expense "li we want to keep things rolling, if we want it keep things rolling, if we want kids to get the best possible education," she said.

Fittpatrick has received an endorsement from the political action committee of the Farmington Education committee of the Farmington Education Association (Fish), the union which represent the community has been "going every place" in the community in an effort to gain voter support.

"Twe got about 100 people who are

going to be phone-calling, distributing filers, sending out endorsement cards things like that," she said. "Whether or not I get on the school board, I still plas on being very involved in everything."

THE FITZPATRICKS - Paul a project coordinator for Williams Inter-national in Walled Lake, Rozanne, and their three children — have lived in national in Wallet Lake, Rozame, and their three children — have lived in Farmington Hills at 26300 Holly Hill Drive for about five years.

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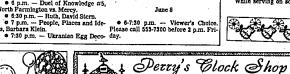












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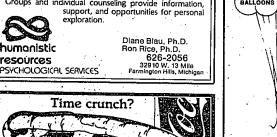
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