## Schools ready for start of a new year

White in the newly created staff and curriculum department.

Assistant Superintendent Lynn Assistant Superintendent Lynn Austre was moved from overseeing secondary education to administrative operations, Michael Flanagan, a former assistant superintendent, was promoted to deputy superintendent.

"THERE WAS a complete revision of the school structure." Lewis said, "although it will take a while

before it has meaning and visibility for people."
Instead of retaining school divisions — elementary and secondary — Lewis is promoting a kindergarent through grade 12 approach. This wilt allow his new "cabinet" to oversee at all levels in more specified areas, he sald.
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areas, he said.
"They formerly had a wide array
of responsibility — I think it's better
to specialized," he added.
In several of the schools, principal
and assistant principal posts were

moves and promotions.

William Maktin, formerly assistant principal at Warner Middle School, is the new principal at East Middle School and former elementary teacher Barbara Novatls is principal at Wood Creek Elementary, She replaces Wallace Prince who moved to Becchview Elementary as principal. Martin replaces Alton Bennett who retired.

New to the assistant principals

group is former math and computer teacher Laura Miner at East Middle School, who replaces William Mason who will handle the same job at Warner.

DESPITE THE many changes, there are still matters without solutions facing the district as the new

tions facing the district as the new year begins.

Helping the staff adjust to the changes is one. Lewis knows he faces a large job with a large staff, and that change doesn't come castly.

"I'm not naive to think that just because I'm changing things, everything will be wonderful." he said.

Another issue facing the didstrict is an unresolved unlon agreement.

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A LARGE number of new teachers were bired this year to replace those promoted and the many who retired due to a new state retirement law for school employees. The new-comers will go through a half-day orientation next Wednesday at Warner Middle School, which includes a community bus trip, Coleman said.

The district lost a record 54 employees during 1985 mailay because of the retirement law, according to Coleman, leaving gaps in many areas.

Coleman, reavant of new areas.
Handling the recruitment of new employees to Farmington Public Schools is Lawrence Freedman, former assistant superintendent for ele-

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Hours for the district's three high schools for the 1986-87 school year are from 7:40 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Students attend Dunckel and East middle schools from 8:25 a.m. to 2:48 COUPON HAIR COMPANY

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mentary education. Yet to be hired for the 1986-87 school year are two high school teachers, one in husiness and marketing and the other in math and computers to replace Miner, Coleman said.

Staff, students and Farmington area residents will see various building changes and capital purchases during the coming year, as the district begins a \$2.5 million building improvement program budgeted for 1986-87.

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## No pact but classes begin

CONTRACTS WITH the other two CONTRACTS WITH the other two unions in the district, those representing custodial/malatenance employees and secretaries, usually are settled after the teachers' agreement is worked out, Shibler said. "We won't be even discussing (salary) until the end of September or the first of October," said Edward Salisz, assistant superintendent of

Shool business affairs. "All of the bargaining units have agreed to wait as close to the fourth Friday count (as possible)."

Classes will start this week in the Clareneeville School District with Clareneeville School District with teacher negatations continuing, as they have in other years. It has been the district's tradition not to reach a new agreement with the teachers union until after the "fourth Friday" student enrollment figure ount, superintendent Michael Shibler said. The enrollment figure of the sused to determine state aid to school districts.

"We're still negotiating the teachers' contact," Shibler said last week in my epinion, things are going will."

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IN THE meantime, the district is "set and ready to go" with a new school year. Shibler said.
An employee breakfast will take place Monday, Aug. 25. The next day, students with attend half-day sessions in the morning. Afternoon kindergarten students will have their first day of school Wednesday, Aug.

At 8.05 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, seventh graders will report to the junior high gymnasium and eighth graders to the cafeteria. Classes will dismiss at 11 a.m. High school students will report at 7:40 a.m. and be dismissed at 10.35 a.m. Tuesday.

Regular school hours are:
Botsford Elementary School, 8:55 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.; Grandview Elementary School, 8:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.; Clarenceville Junior High School, 7:40 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.; Clarenceville High School, 7:40 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.; THE FIRST full day of school will be Wednesday, Aug. 27. The hot lunch program will begin this day. Applications for free and reduced-cost lunches are available in every building.

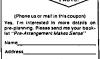
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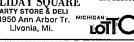
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