

**By Sue Mason**  
staff writer

The cost of educating Clarenceville students will increase by a modest 3 percent next year.

That's what school officials will tell the Wayne County Tax Allocation Board this week.

The proposed 1987-88 budget, which contains no cutbacks in staffing or services, will be sent to the board to determine if the county will continue to allocate 8.9 mills for district operations.

Clarenceville levies 40.9 mills (a mill represents \$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation). Of that amount, 29 mills is levied locally for operations, with the county allocation bringing the total operational levy up to \$7.90 mills.

Another 2.50 mills is for debt retirement, while .50 mill is for building and site repairs and renovations.

The proposed budget, which is "90 percent accurate," reflects a \$236,115 increase in spending from \$7.782 million in 1986-87 to \$8.018 million next year, according to Ed-

The largest portion — \$113,179 — of the increase will be in the area of instruction, with the remainder used in such areas as pupil and instructional staff services, general and school administration and business services.

**COMING UP** with a budget when 95 percent of the revenues are still "unknowns" isn't an easy task, Salisz said. And as a result, the spending plan will be revised as more solid

figures are received.

The unknowns include the district's property valuation, which determines how much money each tax mill will generate. That information probably won't be known until the first Monday in May when district officials appear before the tax allocation board, Saliz said.

Clarenceville is an in-formula district and receives payments from the state based on the number of students enrolled in its kindergarten-12th grade and adult education programs.

HE ESTIMATES K-12 enrollment will be down by 14 students and a like amount in adult education, but the exact amount won't be known until after the official fourth Friday count in September.

"If you're an in-formula school district you have three concerns — the property valuation, the amount of the state school aid and the number of students," he said. "Out-of-formula districts have only one concern — valuation."

"We have to depend on what the state gives us, so we do the best we can in terms of a budget until we know for sure."

Yet to be determined is the increase in wages and fringe benefits for the district's three employee unions.

The custodian-maintenance contract, which has been extended through 1989, and the secretaries' contract have wage and fringe benefit re-openers this year; while the teachers' contract is set to expire Sept. 1.

For purposes of budget preparation, Sallsz figured in a 3 percent in-

crease. However, both sides have agreed to delay negotiations "until we know what money is coming in," he said.

"Our past practice has been to wait; it's the fairest way to do it and it's been good that way," he added. "I don't foresee a lot of problems."

**SALISZ ALSO** is projecting a drop in federal money for the district. It received \$240,000 this year. Based on federal budget-cutting, Salisz believes the district will get almost \$100,000 less next year.

Salisz described the federal funds as "money that's in and out." It's used for specific programs and the totals aren't known until a program is written, approved and funded, he said.

"We don't know what we have until we get it," he said. "We're not looking for something that's not going to be there."

The new budget must be adopted by the school board by July 1 and as Salisz sees it, "it probably will have the same figures this one has."

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Four North Farmington High School seniors have earned a trip to the Distributive Education Clubs of America national competition April 29 to May 3 in New Orleans.

by Catherine Cunningham, their adviser, and her husband, Richard.

Ken Stern will compete in the entrepreneurship participating event. Vanessa Aiuto, Julie Gaynor and Clarisse Huchette will do a group presentation.

They qualified for the written events at the national level by excelling in state competition. Stern placed third. "Program at Work"

DECA is a national vocational organization for marketing students in both high school and college. Occupational areas highlighted range from service station retailing to restaurant marketing.

In New Orleans, competitors will meet other DECA members and tour the city. Competition will take place in the Superdome. North Farmington's contingent will be accompanied

**THE NORTH** Farmington chapter took nine competitors to the state event. Seniors Marianne Akouri and Dana Weber and junior Tricia Jefferson competed in apparel and accessories. Sophomore Mike Tauber won a second place medal for one of the comprehensive exams on food marketing. Sophomore Jon Cheney

## Concert set

Jerry McKenzie's Rhythm Injection will present a concert of contemporary music at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Livonia Civic Center Auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive, near Five Mile and Farmington roads. McKenzie, a Farmington Hills res-

took part in a written event on entrepreneurship.

In DECA competition, students choose an area of interest and compete on a supervisory or employee level. Competition usually consists of two written exams and an oral role play.

Students also may choose to write research reports in various areas and compete that way. This is the first time North Farmington has had a DECA chapter.

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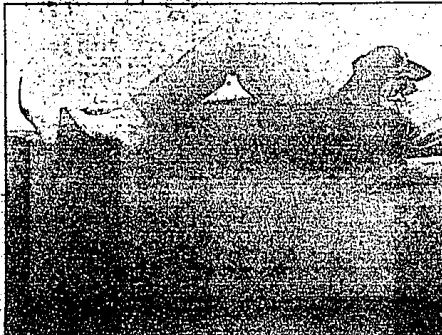
ident, plays the drums. Other band members are Matt Michaels, piano; Dan Jordan, bass; Bob Mojica, trumpet; George Benson, sax; Judy Cochill, vocals.

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