1990 target date for new school Her goal: decent

Farmington Public Schools ad-

Farmington Public Schools administrators and trustees are in a race against time to have ready for use by September 1990 the first new school in the district in 20 years. The arduous process was launched Tuesday when deputy superintendent Michael Flamagan outlined for board members a timetable that he sald must be carefully adhered to if the new elementary school is to be ready for students by school year 1990.

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"It's an extremently tight time line. If anything in the process falls down, we'll miss the target date. But I feel pretty confident we can have a new building on the west side by 1990." Flanagan said.
Plans include both construction of a new elementary school to ease projected crowding and expansion of the Farmington High School media center. Combined costs of both projecter.

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ects is estimated at \$6 million.
Under Flanagan's timetable, an architect must be selected and tenta-

arrillere mass be selected and tenta-tive designs for the elementary school completed in time for review by school board members at their regular meeting in May. Flanagan must also complete by that date a comprehensive state ap-plication identifying construction specifies and exact costs of the project. Once the district board as proves the application, approval must be obtained from the state board of education in enough time to place the issue before voters.

IF ALL goes according to plan, voters will be asked in a special election Wednesday, Sept. 14, to appear to the sept. 15 per sept. 15 p

time. The entire process sounds easy, but the bottom line is, we'll

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have to work our tails off to get the question on the bailot by September, "Flanagan said.

If financing is approved by voters, and the property of the proper

gan estimates in the months to equip and furnish the school.

The district already has money for expansion of the media center from the sate of school property to Little Caesar Enterprises at 12 Mile and Drake earlier this decade.

The district is now advertising in area newspapers and professional journals for interested architects who have been asked to complete companies of the property of the district's buildings and Sites Committee, which includes three board toembers, superintendent Graham Lewis, Flanagan and other resource people.

THE FINALIST will be selected on the basts of references, a personal interesting of companies.

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"In Farmington and Farmington Hills, we have plently of subsidized housing for seniors. We have none for low-income farmilles — young people with children. I guess what that means here is that it is OK to be old and poor, but we don't want you here if you are young and poor."

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She thinks it's healthier for the nation, healthier for the community, healthier for everybody to have a mix.

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"When the money is given to middle or high income people," she said, "we call it mortgage interest deductions. When the money is given to the poor, we call it handouts."

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But housing is still the big problem. "Working for minimum wage might mean you have the \$350 to pay the rent that month, but you have nothing left to pay the food and utility bills. When he gets too

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far behind to ever catch up, he can be beaten down to giving up and going on welfare." Kowaleski said. When asked about a typical welfare system 'Catch 22', 'Kowaleski told the story of a woman with three children she met recently. The woman's husband had begun serve. In the U.S. Army three monta tago and had never received an alforment check. She had no food in the house and was three months behind in the rent. "Appeals for assistance were denied before she could show an mariage certificate, birthe cretificate, and proof of her husband whereabouts written by his Immediate superior in the Army. Shes going into court for eviction," Kowaleski said.

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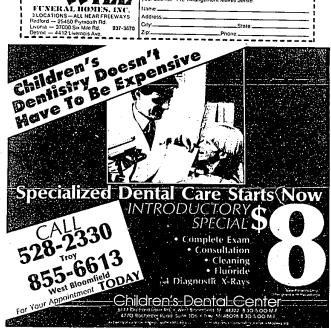
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