

# \$27 million school bond issue is targeted

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they build."

Serious discussion about a new elementary school on the west side of the district began as officials studied alternatives to alleviate crowding during the past year.

A new school would most likely be built on district-owned property at 11 Mile and Halsted; it is possible the elementary school and early childhood center might be built at

separate locations, officials added.

Preliminary projections show the elementary school and early childhood center, which would house 500 students with 40 classrooms and support programs, will cost about \$6.7 million.

The bulk of the proposed bond issue is not for the new school, but for upgrading current school buildings.

A total of \$7 million would be spent for high schools, \$7.5 million for elementary, \$5.1 million for middle schools and about \$2 million

for other school buildings, according to preliminary figures.

The upgrades would include: replacing lighting, asbestos abatement in all buildings, removal of vinyl asbestos tile flooring and replacing it with tile or carpet, replacing ceilings, removing chemical contamination from lighting ballasts, and revising electrical service throughout the district to accommodate high-tech equipment.

Based on current values, the 16-year bond issue would require an increase of .08 mill — less than the

district is proposing to roll back in operating millage in the coming year.

ALTHOUGH THE proposed 1988-89 operating budget plus this bond issue would equal less millage than residents currently pay, taxes would be more because of increased property values in both Farmington and Farmington Hills.

"The climate of the building is instrumental to how kids learn," Flanagan explained. "Our goal is to sell you, and the community, on taking

care of the problems."

Superintendent Graham Lewis said the proposed upgrades mirror society's move toward more health-conscious lifestyles.

"We're moving toward a cleaner, cleaner society," he said. "The standards of today won't be the standards of tomorrow. I don't think we're being overcautious. It's an aspect of cleaning up our environment."

Although trustee James Abernethy said he "buys into the concept" presented Tuesday, he voiced con-

cern about whether such a large measure would pass public scrutiny.

"We desperately need that school," he said. "I do not want to see people concerned about their total tax bill going up . . . to vote 'no' and kiss goodbye to the 1990 school. It could happen here. We can't take it for granted."

The proposal presented Tuesday was the second brought before the board. The first, which asked for equipment to be put on the bond issue, was turned down by trustees in March.

## Moffitt announces bid for re-election

County commissioner David Moffitt will seek re-election for a third term on the Oakland County Commission.

Moffitt, 24, a Bloomfield Township attorney, is serving a second term, representing the 15th District, which includes parts of Bloomfield Township, West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills and Franklin Village.

"In the next two years the board will face a critical phase in implementing the Solid Waste Plan. Road financing remains an important priority and extensive additions to the county physical plant have been proposed," Moffitt said.

"Hands-on experience will be an important asset in resolving these issues," he added.

MOFFITT is vice chairman of the Republican Commissioners' Caucus and of the public service committee. He also serves on the personnel committee.

He has co-sponsored legislation increasing Oakland County computer accessibility. District courts are now linked by a central computer, permitting a citizen who has been issued a parking fine in one community to pay it at a court located in another community.

"Central processing of district court data permits a more economical operation and affords previously unknown conveniences to our citizens," Moffitt said.



David Moffitt 'hands-on experience'

zens," Moffitt said. Moffitt is also an advocate for increased standards in water quality. He has sponsored legislation permitting additional construction site inspectors and in combating soil erosion.

## Pledging fiscal prudence, Wolf enters 27th seat race

Former Farmington Hills city councilman Donn Wolf is the first to officially announce his candidacy for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners 27th District seat.

"Oakland County government is approaching a critical juncture. We are faced with many difficult decisions about issues such as crime and public safety, economic growth and roads," Wolf said.

Wolf is the only announced candidate for the seat now held by veteran commissioner Jack McDonald, who recently announced his candidacy for Oakland County prosecutor. Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson announced he will not seek re-election.

Wolf is a longtime Republican activist, known for his anti-tax stands, particularly while serving on the Farmington Hills City Council.

"We must find ways to meet our needs," said Wolf, a lobbyist for Detroit Edison. "However, we must live within our budget. We must continue to hold down taxes in Oakland County and I will carry that same philosophy to county government that I followed in Farmington Hills."

"If ever a need for increased taxes should occur, it should always be done only with a vote of the people. That is an important message I will take to county government."



Donn Wolf 'hold down taxes'

WOLF is a longtime member of the Republican Party, serving on the Oakland County GOP Executive Committee and the Michigan Republican State Committee. In 1984, he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to chair the Reagan-Bush '84 re-election effort in Oakland County.

Wolf, Farmington Area Republican Club president, is the author of two books, "Action Politics" and "Working Politics."

He has served on the mayor's anti-crime commission and energy committee in Ann Arbor, where he

works. He is chairman of the Washtenaw County Community Services Agency, where he is spearheading efforts to make private may government services.

In his announcement, Wolf reported that he is endorsed by current commissioner McDonald, a Farmington Hills resident and attorney. Wolf's campaign committee includes well-known local, county and state Republican leaders. Among them are prosecutor Patterson, state Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton, R-Farmington, and Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols.

Farmington city councilmen William Hartsock and Ralph Yoder, and Farmington Hills City Council members Joe Alkateeb, Jean Fox and Ben Marks are campaign committee members. Richard Headlee, unsuccessful 1982 gubernatorial candidate and president of Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America in Farmington Hills, also is a member.

The commission is the lawmaking body for Oakland County. Commissioners serve two-year terms and receive a salary of \$17,191. Commissioners attend about two board meetings a month as well as other meetings for subcommittees on which they serve.

The filing deadline for the Aug. 2 primary is May 31. The general election is Nov. 8.

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## Hills, city get \$500,000 for road construction

Three road construction projects, two in Farmington Hills and one in Farmington, have been approved for funding through the County Road Appropriation. County commissioners David Moffitt and Jack McDonald have announced.

In Farmington Hills, an estimated \$350,000 will be spent to resurface 14 Mile from Orchard Lake Road to Farmington Road, and another \$75,000 to provide a center-turn lane at the intersection of Nine Mile and Farmington Road.

The City of Farmington project will provide intersection improvement and widening along Nine Mile, east of Farmington Road. Estimated cost is \$75,000.

The projects originated with the local units of government.

The County Road Appropriation of \$5 million was passed by the county board in July. The money is administered by the Oakland County Road Commission, which will enter into an agreement with each local unit guaranteeing payment.

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- Provide a quiet time and place for my children to study and read?
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- Take an interest in what interests my children and show my pleasure and pride in their accomplishments?
- Encourage my children to do their best without putting undue pressure on them to succeed in school, athletics or other extracurricular activities?
- Support the efforts of teachers and the school?
- Secure special assistance if my children need it?
- Limit television watching while offering other family activities?
- See that my children get lots of exercise, nutritious food and plenty of rest?
- Respect my children and their feelings as I do those of my friends and other family members?

After you have graded your report card identify areas that you feel good about and celebrate your success. If there are areas that you would like to see improved contact your children's teachers or the Farmington Education Association for suggestions on how to earn an A for supportive parenting.

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