

Fourth Friday figures

Main count down; young students gain

By Casey Hane
staff writer

only (enrollment) decline was in grades nine to 12."

THE UNOFFICIAL counts as reported by the district are as follows:
• grades K-5 increased from 4,695 in 1987 to 4,749 in 1988.

• grades 6-8 increased from 2,136 in 1987 to 2,181 in 1988.
• grades 9-12 decreased from 3,322 in 1987 to 3,144 in 1988.

Eight Farmington schools have more students than school officials had projected, Nutter said.

North Farmington High School, O.E. Dunckel Middle School, Power Middle School, and Flanders, Gill, Longacre, Larkshire and William Grace elementary schools all showed substantial increases in enrollment.

Three of these elementaries are already using portable classrooms because of overcrowding. Flanders has two, Larkshire one and Longacre five. Nutter said he does not see an end to the overcrowding problem in these schools without a new elementary school.

"There's no question in my mind,

to accommodate the programs this district has determined are needed, we must have an elementary school on the west side of the district," he said.

DISTRICT OFFICIALS sought voter approval to build a new school through a bond issue last month, which was denied. They have said they will try again for a bond issue this winter.

The district has worked to handle the increasing number of early elementary-age students by opening an optional center kindergarten program last year, and an alternative elementary program at Highmeadow School this year.

There are 311 kindergarten students enrolled at the district's two early childhood centers, and another 295 enrolled at Highmeadow, he said.

"These numbers are shocking," Nutter added. "I don't know how we would have accommodated these students, without these other programs."

In Farmington's case, the Fourth Friday count is used to monitor the district's operations and to determine categorical state aid for special education programs.

In neighboring Clarenceville Public Schools, where the district receives full state aid, however, the Fourth Friday count is imperative. A lower than expected enrollment — 1,925 instead of 1,932 — means the district will lose an anticipated \$23,000.

"We will have to make some cuts," said Mike Dombrowski, director of special services. While it's yet to be determined where cuts will be made, he said, "We will make it where it will affect kids the least."

Clarenceville takes in part of southeast Farmington Hills and parts of Livonia and Redford Township.

The school districts have 10 days to revise enrollment counts, if necessary.

Staff writer Kevin Brown contributed to this report.

Walled Lake's enrollment projections up

By Amy Rosa
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Unofficial Fourth Friday Figures show Walled Lake School have 137 more students than last year, bringing the total to 8,881.

The numbers, which won't be official until they are checked and submitted to the state later this month, are in line with what the district had projected, said communications specialist Lois Lange.

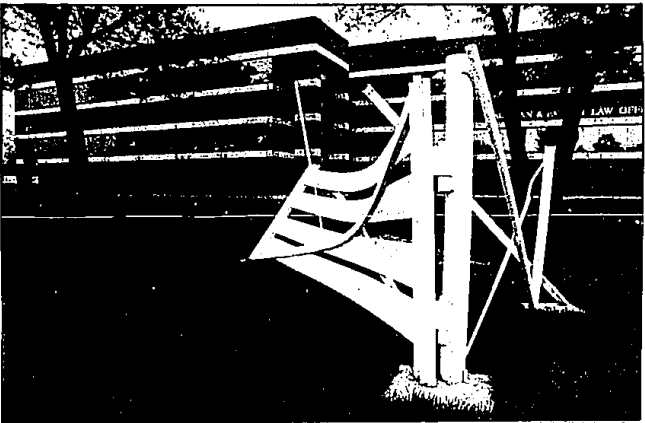
Walled Lake prepared for the growth by building 15 needed classrooms onto four elementary schools last year — Maple, Oakley Park, Keith and Walled Lake. But that move will curb the growth spurt for only a short time, said Lange.

She said the district has appointed a Facility Needs Committee to examine recommendations and advice from consultants, and make population proposals to the board.

"There is no question that we'll need to look at long-range forecasting," she said, without being specific as to whether or not that will mean redistricting, building new schools or both.

The district's 11 elementaries saw an increase, while a slight decrease was noted at the secondary level, she said.

Walled Lake hire approximately 36 new teachers, Lange said. Twenty new positions were created, 17 at the elementary level. The rest are taking the place of retiring teachers.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

"Covington," the controversial sculpture by Michael Hall, is prompting Farmington Hills' city council and planning commission to consider an art work ordinance. The sculpture sits in the front-yard setback of this Northwestern Highway office building, south of 13 Mile.

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Restrictions pending

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sloner Paul Blizman suggested changing the wording to structures that do not "demean any racial, religious or ethnic groups."

Both suggestions drew support and opposition.

"THERE ARE wild things the imagination could conjure that would simply be inappropriate to the community," Pochman said. "We have to be sensitive to something and that was the best language I could come up with at the time."

Others, however, wondered how the planning commission or any public body would determine the community's sensitivities.

"That's so wide range, I think you can get into trouble there," councilman Ben Marks said, favoring the wording of racial, religious and ethnic.

Blizman agreed.

EMOTIONS ALSO were mixed about restricting the location of art works. The proposed ordinance would allow sculptures in front

yards but not within the required setback of any zoning district. The ordinance doesn't address single-family residential zones.

City manager William Costick suggested a ratio of sorts to determine whether the size of the art work would be appropriate.

"I've always favored allowing it in the front yard."

OTHERS DISAGREED.

"I think it's important to restrict them to meet the requirements of the front-yard setback," planning commissioner Vince Valvona said, supporting the requirement because "you don't know what the sculpture will be."

Alkateeb also preferred that the final decision on whether art work is allowed be in the city council's hands. The ordinance gives the planning commission that authority with the help of the city's arts commission, which will determine whether a piece is a work of art.

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