WL board expected to approve AIDS program

AIDS education in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District would be expanded to all grade levels this year under a plan expected to be approved at tonight's school board meeting.

Last year, AIDS instruction, re-quired by state law, was taught only to grades eight through 12 in Walled Lake schools, said Carl Pacacha, as-

sistant superintendent for secondary education.

But Pacacha said school officials are ready to provide age-appropri-ate AIDS information to students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

"We find that elementary students have been making inquiries about AIDS," he said, "We think it's appropriate that we instruct them in this devastating disease."

Pacacha said the curriculum would become part of a larger ele-

mentary health program, "Growing Healthy," which has been in place for about a decade,. In response to the AIDS crisis, Michigan legislators in 1897 passed Public Act 185 in an effort to require schools to provide AIDS decadion.

Judy Johnson, a Wixom resident with two children canolied in the Walled Lake school district, is a strong proponent of early childhood AIDS education.

"I think the more the children can learn about AIDS at a younger age, is society. We have to talk about it."

Pacácha said the AIDS curriculum last year was introduced in grades eight through 12 in nuch subjects as sociology, health, American history and American government. Classroom teachers, sometimes assisted by outside professionals, taught AIDS instruction after receiving inservice training.

AIDS courses in those upper grades will be revised if the proposal presented to the school board tonight wins approval, Pacacha said. Such revisions, he added, would include

information about the social impact of AIDS, laws pertaining to the disease and how employers are confronting the crisis.

"In the upper levels, you have to make the curriculum more sophisti-cated so that it doesn't become re-dundant," Pacacha said.

He said the proposed curriculum is not expected to face any stumbling blocks at tonight's school boardmeeting, which begins at 8 p.m. at 1950 W. West Maple.

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The board of education Thursday named Suzanne Cowles, a teacher at the state of the control of the

dities this winter by hiring a staff, ordering supplies and equipment and coordinating the redistricting of students who will attend the school. The board also hired 40 full-angulation 18.5 full-time positions throughout the district, according to district spokeswoman Leis Lange.

About half of the new teachers will replace teachers who have retired or taken leave and half are new positions, Lange said.

The district added nine new class-rooms this year, four at Loon Lake and five at Oakley Park Elementary. Sixteen new classrooms were added

Sixteen now classrooms were numerically and party last year. West year we'll hire a whole slow," Buelenik sald, "The district is growing." The Walled Lake achoods are in the middle of an expansion that is planned to include two new elementary schools and a Junior high.

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O SPORTS SAMPLER The Y will be offering its "Sports Sampler" program on a variety of Saturdays this fail. The program that runs 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays will include basketball on Sept. 16, volleyball on Sept. 23, racquetball on Sept. 30 and indoor soccer on Oct. 28. The program is open to boys and girls in grades four and five. Sign up for one or all four at the Y front desk.

SLEEPOVERS

The Y will offer youth sleepovers on Saturday night and Sunday morning, Oct. 14-15. The program is open to boys and girls in first through fifth grades. Parents can rest assured their children will be in a safe and fun environment, supervised by a caring YMCA staff. Activities include: gym games, arts and crafts, recreational games as well as a pir-

• FIRST AID

The Y will hold first ald and CPR classes on Saurday, Oct. 7 from 8 n.m. to 5 p.m. The course covers basic first ald skills and adult CPR. Participants will receive first ald and CPR certification upon successful completion of the day's course.

O FAMILY PROGRAM
The Y will hold orientation and recruitment meetings for interested
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parents and their children between
ages 5-18. Further information regarding the program will be available at the meetings acheduled for 1
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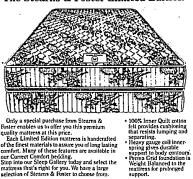
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