Computers headed to classrooms at Forest

"This is definitely a team approach, using the computers," said one teacher, Dodie Harris, "We'll be evaluating this all along, We have to really make it work because other schools, and other districts, will be watching us."

Harris, Julie Casillo and Cathy Smith applied to the district for the program, which will pay for 30 com-puters and software to teach their students science, geography, social studies, math, higher-level thinking skills, keyboarding as well as writ-ing, word processing and to create a

in each, as the instructors team-teach lessons using the computers.

Farmington recently allocated
\$1.2 million to projects like TLC to
begin a technology expansion in the
savarded money for the Teaching

Forest was given a chance, because

the fourth-grade teachers already make good use of the individual computers allocated to each room.

Harris sald the teachers are already considering how their class-rooms will be redesigned, in prepa-ration for the computers, which are expected to arrive early in 1990.

Schools get high-tech equipment, training

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room is not going to do it," acting superintendent Michael Flanagan to little as to both board Nov. 21. "Were trying to find a way to get it on every teacher's desk."

Flanagan, a member of the technology advisory committee that made the program recommendations, has made technology in the classroom a priority for the district.

"We need to realize how important technology advancement is to wirk its." We have to be open-minded to the idea that there are some to the idea that there are some things right in front of us that are

software sources. Labs were granted to Harrison High School and Power and East middle schools.

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ers who have little or no access to a computer are most likely to receive a work station, according to school officials; 180 teachers applied for this program. Thirty-nine applications were received for the five grant programs. Technical advisory committees subcommittee members reviewed the applications before awarding the money. Teachers involved with the grants are already attending training sessions for the programs, expected to begin this winter, said Jaidth White, assistant superintendent for curriculum and

staff development.
The 15-member technical advisory committee was formed in 1985 to provide: modern technological to exchools including computer work stations for all faculty members; trailing for district employees, and training for all students.

dents.
As part of a district technology plan, school officials plan to continue the programs, using the program approved this month as a building block.
"It's very no-ted, We've got to get technology into their hands."

Board appoints 2 new principals

Two educators — one from Farm-ington schools and the other a new-comer — will rise to leadership posi-tions in the Farmington Public Schools during the next few weeks. The two, Gayle Zimmerer and Su-san Johnson, will both become build-ing principals beginning in the win-ter semester.

san Joanson, will out becume usual participate semester.

Zimmerer is a kindergarten teacher and staff development employee in Farmington, Johnson is an elementary principal from the Wayne Land will have one or more weeks to work with her predecessor before beginning regular dutles.

ZIMMERER WILL be principal at Legie Elementary School. The appointments were approved by the school coard Nov 21.

"I have some dreams and some Elementary School The appointments were approved by the school board Nov 21.

"I have some dreams and some future," said Zimmerer, a West Bloomfield resident who has taught most recently at Alameda, while working on special staff trading projects.

"There's some new exciting things it was the same of the standard principal at both junior high and elementary in Westland for the past three years.

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Zimmerer was waiting to see how early childhood programs at the new Hillside Elementary would be handled, to see how her school might be affected, she said.

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A BRIGHTON fees we challenge at Eagle Elementary, when she will replace the retiring Frank Kasun.

Eagle serves students in Farmington Hills and several neighborhoods in the southeast corner of West Bloomiteld Township.
Johnson "Illes challenges and likes diversity," she said.
"I usually approach anything I do with high energy and high expectations," she said. "I place high expectations on mysolf. And I really feel strongly about kids feeling good about themselves — the same with starters are sufficiently and a furnishing the strongly about high selenges with the same with starters and the same with starters are sufficiently and same suff

ZIMMERER REPLACES Mary
Los Sommerville, who has moved to
the same position at Fairview End.
Childhood Center. Former Fairview
principal Richard Rutter has been
propointed principal at the new Hillside Elementary, scheduled to open
next fall.

Zimmerer has worked as a kindergarten teacher most recently at
Alameda, but also taught classes at
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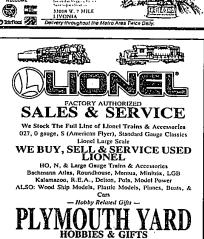


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