

2 local school districts seek Headlee waiver

Walled Lake and Clarencville, the school districts bordering the Farmington area, each have board races and ballot issues for this year's school election on June 11.

The Clarencville district includes a portion of Farmington Hills in the southeast corner. Walled Lake encompasses one square mile in the northwest corner of Farmington Hills.

WALLED LAKE School Board appointee David Flammer will be the only incumbent facing opposition in June.

An Ameritech account executive from Commerce Township, Flammer will square off with James Fugit, an IBM marketing represent-

ative from Wixom, to fill the remaining two years of an unexpired four-year term. The two-year term stems from the resignation of former board member Kathy Mizzi; Flammer was then appointed.

Fugit emerged as a last-minute candidate, beating Monday's 4 p.m. filing deadline.

No opponents surfaced to challenge board incumbents G. William Knight and Joel Silberblatt, who are seeking four-year terms on the seven-member board.

Knight, a dentist from West Bloomfield, is seeking his first full term. He was appointed to the board in January 1989 to fill a vacancy and was elected last June to fulfill that unexpired term.

Silberblatt, a West Bloomfield resident and part-owner of a scrap iron and metals company, is unopposed for his second four-year term.

IN THE Clarencville board race, two incumbents must defeat one challenger to keep their seats on the board.

Newcomer George Empey will try to unseat incumbents Linda Brandemuhl and Daniel Morrison for a four-year term. Morrison is seeking his fifth term on the board; Brandemuhl is seeking her second.

Morrison, an insurance adjuster for Great American Insurance Company who lives on Anago Street, said he wants to continue to work for a board which "does what's best for

the children in the district. The board has grown in depth and understanding of the problems that face children today," he said. "We're on top of those problems and we're doing what we can to improve curriculum."

Brandemuhl, a homemaker who lives on Perlinbrook, said sitting on the board for the last four years has shown her the excellence that exists in the school district. "I am committed to continue to build on that excellence and would like to continue to contribute to the development and improvement of the educational opportunities offered here," she said.

Challenger Empey, a teacher at

Maltby Middle School in Brighton who lives on Bretton Street, said he hadn't entered the race because he has a particular complaint. "I live in the district and want to be involved because my son will be going there," he said. "I'm not out to change the system."

MEANWHILE, BOTH districts have proposed Headlee Amendment overrides on the ballot, in which voters will be asked to let their taxes increase faster than the inflation rate.

School officials in Walled Lake have formed a committee to push for the override, which they have

said is necessary to avoid mass budget cuts. They are threatening to reduce the teaching staff and other programs if it fails.

In Clarencville, the district is questioning that it be allowed to let additional tax income generated by the district's average 11 percent increase in assessments. If the voters turn down the waiver, the district can collect additional property income for the 1990-91 school year of only about 5 percent, approximately the rate of inflation.

Staff writers Darrell Cte Marie Chestney and Casey Ho contributed to this report.

Parenting seminar scheduled

Farmington Student Assistance Teams are sponsoring a seminar on positive parenting at 7 p.m. May 10 in the North Farmington High School auditorium.

All parents, employees and others from the Farmington Public Schools community are encouraged to attend the forum, for which there is no cover charge.

Speaking will be Hartrell Haws, a consultant with the Midwest Regional Center for Drug Free Schools. Haws is a 17-year veteran teacher, coach and principal, who has most recently worked to help school systems develop effective methods to control substance abuse.

He has also worked with the Texas prison system and has been in pro-

bate business for the last 15 years working with behavioral problems in schools, business and industry.

Recently, he was one of 20 selected to write the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Curriculum for the state of Texas.

Much of his talk will deal with providing a healthy, positive self-esteem for children.

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