

9 sign up for Farmington school board race

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running again for "continued change and progress" of the current board. If re-elected, he wants to see the district's gifted program clarified, and more emphasis on underachieving students.

"I'm not a single-issue candidate," he said.

• Kim D. Jaske, Larkspur, Farmington.

Myers has children at Longacre Elementary, Power Middle School and Farmington High, where she has

been active at the building level. Parental involvement is important, she said, especially at upper grade levels.

"I think we're wasting a valuable resource. We need to have a solid program to get them involved," she said. "I think we've got a good district — I want to help make it better."

Myers is a representative for the elementary school/community forum.

• Sharon A. Rands, Fredericksburg, Farmington Hills.

• Robert N. Ranney, Greening.

Farmington Hills.

Ranney is a regular council watcher and also ran for a seat on the board last year.

During the last election, he viewed the current board with a critical eye, and was concerned with the lack of long-range planning and the issue of school accreditation, which, he said, will remain on top of his agenda.

"We've had Larkshire take the lead, which is great," he said. "I think the board members need to support accreditation."

Married, with young children, Ranney is an engineer with Michigan Consolidated Gas.

During the past year, he has been active in the Wood Creek PTO and is a representative on the School/Community Forum.

• Allen P. Warner, Perry's Crossing, Farmington Hills.

This father of two has been active at Forest Elementary. He was prompted to run after serving on the Farmington Hills Year 2000 task force, where he saw that most of his tax dollars were going to the school district.

But his main reason for running, he said, is because of his concern for children of the district.

"That's the key reason," he said. "I care about the kids — My kids and the other 10,000."

Warner is on the faculty at Wayne State University, where he teaches accounting.

• Catherine M. Webb, Rutgers, Farmington Hills.

Webb is a longtime PTA activist at Gill Elementary, and most recent-

ly chaired the districtwide study committee, which made recommendations for Hillside Elementary boundaries. She is now on the steering committee of a group studying district facilities.

Webb is a self-employed, freelance artist, and has two children at Gill.

"I'm running on a positive attitude," she said.

Equal opportunities for all students and important, she said. She will maintain an "aggressive stance" on issues if elected, she said.

CANDIDATES HAVE until the

end of the business day Thursday, April 12, to withdraw from the race. If they do not withdraw, their names will automatically appear on the ballot.

Also on the June ballot will be an election to the Oakland Community College Board of Trustees. Those candidates have until Tuesday, April 24, to turn in their nominating petitions.

The Farmington school district includes the city of Farmington, most of the city of Farmington Hills and a portion of West Bloomfield Township in the northeast corner.

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8 teachers pink-slipped

Eight Farmington teachers hired in April 1988 later received pink slips from the school district April 3.

The teacher layoffs are part of a yearly process that includes teachers returning from leave, teachers transferring voluntarily or being

transferred involuntarily, to different jobs around the district.

Personnel director Robert Coleman said he hopes all the teachers will be recalled by mid-to-late May. Last year, some 40 teachers were pink-slipped in the spring before being called back in June.

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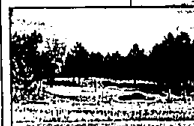
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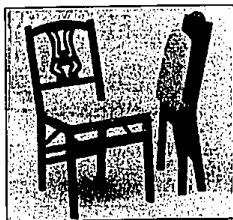
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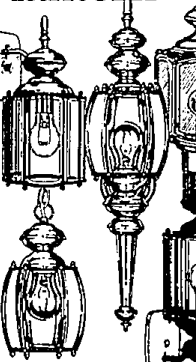
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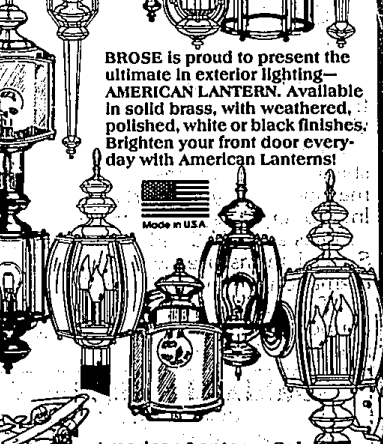
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