Schools eye

cess," Flanagan told the board Tues-day, "We really want to hear what you have to say." Although Planagan has overseen all district budgeting for the past four years as chief fi-nancial administrator, this is his first budget proposed as superin-tendent. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

NEW PROGRESSION.

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new programs, jobs

graphic areas. "Self-esteem is a critical element for young children," explained assistant superintendent Mary Lou Ankele. "Behavior patterns are established for life." Several audience and board members lauded the concept.

• Hiring a principal intern, specifically to ald in the opening of the 600-student Hillside Elementary. The program could then be expanded to give teachers opportunities to train for foture principalships, Flansgan said the district is expecting many as I st administrative retirements. "In the reasonably near future," with six of those at the secondary level.

• The addition of police liaison

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officers at all three high schools,
who would work down into feeder
middle and elementary schools as
well. Officers representing both
Farmington and Farmington Hills
would be involved, with the cities

and schools sharing the cost 59/50. An estimated 60-70 percent of their time would be spent at the high schools. Director of operations and student services Don Cowan explained the officers would be "resources" in cace building. "It would be an opportunity for our young people to see our police in a positive manner," he said. "It would add some continuity — a familiar face as they come through the ranks."

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a tax rate of 32.05 mills, down slightly from 32.39 mills levied this year
but the rate required by the Headiee
Tax Limitation Amendment, and
property values totalling \$2.37 bililion. It includes an increase of 22.5
cachers, based on projected enrollment increases; 15.5 of these will be
at the elementary level. It also includes start-up and operating costs
for the new Hillside Elementary,
slated to open sometime this fall.

Not included in the \$92 million budget figure is a 10 percent surplus. rund equity, which the district keeps on hand for large emergency expenditures.

expenditures.

Public hearings related to the 1990-91 budget are exheduted for Tuesday, May 22 at Warmer Middle School. A Truth-in-Toxation hearing will be held to 17:15 p.m., required of any taxing unit when it proposes to raise faces more than the cost of living the previous year. A budget hearing to hear public comment on the proposed budget will be held at 7:30 p.m.

proposed usages of the proposed budget are available for public review at both branches of the Farmington Community Library, at all the district's elementary schools, or at the school board offices.

The board is expected to adopt a budget and tax rate at its June 5 regular meeting.

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Hills eyes taking control of 14 Mile

Taking jurisdiction of Farmington Road would "be in the best interests" of Farmington Hills, City Manager Bill Costlek says.

For the second time in two years, the city council will try to swap jurisdiction of 14 Mile, between Inkster and Haggerty, for that of Farmington Road, between 10 and 14 Mile, with Oakland County.

The six-mile stretch of 14 Mile is a border between Farmington Hills and West Bloomield. It links the lakes area with Northwestern Highway and Orchard Lake Road.

The four-mile stretch of Farmington Road is a largely residential remains of the six mile stretch of the swap in 1988, the county rejected it, citing the poor condition of 14 Mile. The county had recently completed reconstruction of two miles of Farmington Road, between 12 and 14 Mile.

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"The county's conclusion was, in essence, that the exchange in terms of maintenance considerations was not equal," Costick said.

SINGE THEN, the city has rebuilt two miles of 14 Mile, between Ore-thard Lake Road and Drake. Other payement repairs have been made west of Drake, near the Ramblewood subdivision entrance.
The intersections of 14 Mile and Drake and 14 Mile and Halsted also have been improved with full traffic signals.

Dave been improved with full traffic lave been improved with full traffic Costlek also sees the county in a better position to improve 14 Mile once the Haggerty Connector is built and if Northwestern Highway isn't extended to Maple.

"The city has an increasing amount of vested interest in properly and publicly owned facilities along Farmington Road," Costlek ald, citing Heritage Park, Pioneer Park and the Peltz property at I-696. Outside Farmington Hills, the Oakland County Board of Road Commissioners has jurisdiction for 14 Mile.

"It is our conclusion that it would be in the best interest of the road commission to have a continuous network of roadway along 14 Mile, including west of the city, through the city and east of the city," Costick said.

The county is responsible for all roads in townships like West Bloom-field.

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