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School uniforms are not necessary in Farmington Public Schools, administrators say.

"I'm sure it's a good idea in some places," Superintendent C. Robert Maxfield said. "It seems to have worked in urban areas where there was a need to physically separate the streets from the schools."

"I wouldn't see it as being appropriate in a suburban school."

Some people are sold on requiring uniforms for public school children, said Don Cowan, executive director for Kindergarten through Grade 12 Instruction.

"I don't think it's a panacea," Cowan said.

Such an issue would likely divide people in the district. Lawsuits might result, one administrator said.

Uniforms are required at parochial schools, including Mercy High and St. Fabian schools.

At Mercy High, which is an all-girl Catholic school, students have to wear a basic uniform that

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Superintendent

includes a kilt skirt and Oxford blouse. Students can wear color coordinated sweaters or sweatshirts.

Skirts can be plaid or in a solid color chosen by a particular class, Mercy High Principal Sister Regina Marie Doelker said.

Students can also wear earrings, bows or hats.

"They make their mark," Sister Regina said. "That creativity

comes out in so many other ways.

"In fact, not worrying about the fundamentals — what you're going to wear — it kind of gives you time to do other things."

Added parent Patricia Alspach, whose daughter, Jill, attends St. Fabian: "There's just no argument about what to wear in the mornings. No time is wasted."

Students are also not distracted by trying to keep up with the latest trends, Doelker said.

"It's a real burden on the families who can't afford them because others are wearing them," she said.

However, the Mercy High principal is not sure Clinton's call for uniforms in public schools is a remedy.

"I just don't think it will work across the board," she said. "I think at certain private schools it will."

"I just don't think's going to work for high schools across the nation just because it works here."



In uniform: Lauren Becker shows off St. Fabian's uniform and gets a hug from Ellen Vaight, receptionist at the Farmington Hills school.

Mayor focuses on Hills' future

Mayor Aldo Vignozzi will speak on "Moving Farmington Hills Forward" at a breakfast meeting of The Interagency Council of Farmington/Farmington

Hills at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 7, at The Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road. The event is open to the public.

The Interagency Council is an

umbrella organization for Farmington-area groups. For more information, call Mark Summers, president, at 626-6900.

LOTTERY

The Lotto jackpot was worth at least \$11 million. The Michigan Lottery numbers for Saturday, March 2, 1996 are:

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6,11,23,24,37,40

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She said when he was a baby she'd put a book on his bed and when she thought he was asleep she'd go in, only to find him looking at the book.

She and her husband, Gary, have three other sons, all younger than Gabe: Joey, Sam and Michael. Sixth-grader Joey almost made it to the area spelling bee finals, Debbie Yashinsky said.

School staffers served on the

panel. Reading clinician Toby Kirtakis of Schenckels provided the words and was assisted by Barbara Tukul from the school's special education department and Keith Currie from Southfield Christian.

Lebowitz told the students, "spelling represents discipline, order and structure" and on that basis it will always be relevant, regardless of such things as computer spellcheckers.

"You're all winners," he said. "You have courage for doing this... do your best — and have fun."

The lightest moment came when he had students draw numbers from a paper bag to determine their contest order. One girl drew out the grocery receipt at the bottom of the bag.

The national spelling contest is sponsored by Scripps Howard Newspapers.

Award to honor active seniors

The Farmington Area Commission on Aging is accepting nominations for the fourth annual Diamond of the Community Award. The award is presented to a person, resident or non-resident,

at least 75 years of age, who continues to make an active contribution to the Farmington area. Nominations will be accepted through March 15. The winner will be announced as part of the

Volunteer Recognition Breakfast in April. The winner will be notified by mail. Send nominations to: Diamond Award, 33735 Cadillac, Farmington Hills 48335.

CLARIFICATION

A caption under a photograph on page 3A of the Feb. 29 Farmington Observer should have identified Julie Accettura and her

2½-year-old son Domenic. They attended the Farmington Hills Family Night.

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WITH REGARD TO FIBROIDS
A diagnosis of fibroids does not necessarily mean that a woman must undergo a hysterectomy. In fact, more than half of these benign uterine growths are not associated with any symptoms in addition, because they are stimulated by estrogen, many shrink after menopause. When fibroids do cause excessive heavy menstruation, pressure on the bladder or bowels, or enlargement of the abdomen, treatment may be necessary. Medications may be prescribed to reduce symptoms until estrogen levels decline naturally. Otherwise, laparoscopic myomectomy may be undertaken by virtue of a thin laparoscope and a few small abdominal incisions. Another procedure, hysterectomy, makes it possible to remove small fibroids from inside the uterus, working through the vagina.
P.S. In some cases, the presence of fibroids may cause infertility.
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