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pleaded guilty to second-degree murder a few days before he was scheduled for trial in April. At a sentence hearing, though, his attorney asked that the guilty pleas be withdrawn, claiming they were made under pressure. Davis' attorney also asked that Judge Howard excuse himself from the case saying it was prejudicial since the justice heard the previously offered pleas. Howard denied the motion, which was supported in a separate hearing before Judge Edward Sosnick July 30. After the ruling, Judge Howard defended his ruling to give Davis the maximum "At times during the actual trial of the co-defendant it made me

physically sick," he said. "While Davis did not have the same culpability as Cayce, he allowed this to occur and assisted in it." Friday's decision on the plea was long anticipated. "We've been ready and waiting to go for a long time," said Lisa Madzia, assistant Oakland County prosecutor. "I don't see how he could claim he was pressured into pleading. No way he was pressured. I was there and I remember it specifically. He was given great leeway... It's on tape for goodness sake." The prosecutor consulted family members when Davis' attorney offered a plea of second-degree murder, Joe Bovair said. Davis has since changed attor-

neys. "We figured it was acceptable because, at the time, we didn't want to go through another court case," Bovair said. "We needed to press on." Family members' persistence and patience has been overwhelming throughout the ordeal, Madzia said. Family members have attended all the hearings involving both defendants. Anywhere from 10 to 20 family and friends have turned out. "I think it maybe makes other people in the court aware that this was a living, breathing person. Now the defendant has wiped them out," Madzia said. One family member is familiar

with the court system but was frustrated by the delays involving the second suspect. "I've worked with an attorney and I know how things get put off, put off and put off. It's very different when you're a participant," said Karen Jozwiak, Louise Bovair's sister-in-law. "You know there will never be closure, but at least this part would be over and we would be satisfied knowing these people are paying a price for what they did." "They're (Louise and Melissa) never going to be replaced; I figured it's the least I could do... It's nothing I'll have ever have to go through in life compared to what they had to deal with," Joe Bovair said.

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Turner said the so-called Large Group Instruction room would have doors in handy last week, when safety patrols met with the Automobile Association of America about rules and procedures for the new school year. The meeting followed the before-school "Prime Time," when kids play and/or eat breakfast. Tables had to be quickly folded in order to provide enough space for the safety session, Turner explained. "When school starts, that's the only place I have for large groups," she said, referring to the existing lunchroom. "And then, I have to schedule it around a two-hour block for lunch time." Turner added that two "meet-the-teacher" nights are being held this week from 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, instead of at one time, because of the space situation. "And when I'm bringing in a speaker on drug prevention, they have to do two sessions."

hot lunch line. "We have kids everywhere when they try to buy their lunch." The proposed cafeteria - part of \$6.2 million in Proposal I improvements at Dunckel - would be double the size of the existing eating area. It would include a stage, enabling it to be used for a variety of purposes. Plans also call for the current cafeteria to be turned into offices for building administrators and the counseling department. The result, O'Malley said, would be a more efficient traffic flow for students, as well as expanded serving lines. Plus, the school would only need to schedule two lunch periods instead of three, she added. Lanigan and Dunckel only lead the list of district schools in line for improved cafeterias if the bond issues are approved. They are as follows:

- Beechview Elementary: new gym built; old gym changed into cafeteria/multi-purpose room; old cafeteria turned into art classroom.
- Forest Elementary: two classrooms remodeled into cafeteria.
- William Grace Elementary: cafeteria and stage area enlarged and renovated.
- Highland Common Campus: existing cafeteria to become a classroom; two classrooms renovated into cafeteria.
- Kenbrook Elementary: cafeteria enlarged and renovated.
- Longacre Elementary: new gym built; old gym changed into cafeteria; old cafeteria turned into work room.
- Wooddale Elementary: cafeteria and stage area enlarged and renovated.
- East Middle School: new cafeteria and central kitchen facility built; existing cafeteria renovated into office space.

At Lanigan, a successful Proposal I (which is \$6.5 million) would sink another \$14 million into one of the district's oldest elementary schools. On the agenda are renovations to the media center and a revamping of the central kitchen, which serves other elementary in the district) into art, music and storage rooms. The central kitchen would be relocated to East Middle School. A larger cafeteria also is on the drawing board for O.E. Dunckel Middle School should Proposal I be approved at the polls. That would be welcomed by Principal Pamela O'Malley. "We put 235 to 240 people in here for each lunch period," said O'Malley, noting that there are three half-hour eating sessions. "They walk into that single door over there, and walk down that aisle in the middle" to reach the

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Orthodontics
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It is estimated that 15% of children, mostly between the ages of 3 and 10, grind their teeth. The medical term for tooth-grinding and jaw-clenching is "bruxism". While many experts say stress is the underlying cause of this problem, others theorize that tooth-grinding is genetic. Children with allergies are three times more likely than non-allergic kids to grind their teeth, as the habit places pressure on the jaws that seems to provide relief from the itching, sneezing, and coughing brought on by hay fever. Bruxism may also be an indication that a child's upper and lower jaws are not properly aligned. For this reason alone, it may be a good idea to have children's bites evaluated by the orthodontist when there is tooth-grinding.

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