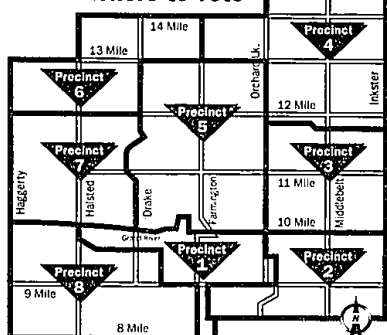


Where to vote



- Farmington Public Schools Voting precincts**
1. Longacre Elementary
34850 Arundel
(Between 9 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue off of G1 Road)
 2. William Grace Elementary
29040 Shawwassee
(North side of Shawwassee between Middlebelt and Fraser roads)
 3. East Middle School
25000 Middlebelt
(East side of Middlebelt between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads)
 4. Warner Middle School
30303 W. 34 Mile
(South side of 34 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads)
 5. Dunckel Middle School
32800 W. 12 Mile
(North side of 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads)
 6. Forest Elementary
34545 Old Timber
(Farmington Road north of 13 Mile to Old Timber; west on Old Timber to school)
 7. Hillside Elementary
36801 W. 11 Mile
(South side of 11 Mile Road between Drake and Fraser roads)
 8. Gill Elementary
21195 Gill
(West side of Gill Road between 8 Mile and 9 Mile roads)

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in school and in life, leave."

A yes vote Tuesday promises to sink millions into tired old buildings and equip them with modern technology, with the hopes of preparing solid citizens and workers for the future. One doesn't have to have a child in school to benefit from that, the superintendent emphasized.

"We're also told over and over again that, if we don't have an educated work force, we can't compete in the world market."

Holding a similar view is Cheryl Blau, a single professional who lives in the district. As of Thursday, she needed to study the issue more before committing on how she'd vote. But she steadfastly believes in the importance of education.

"Even though I don't have children going to school," Blau said, "the children who are in school right now will grow up and be living somewhere in the United States or the world."

"I would like them to be as well-prepared and be contributing, highly skilled, educated members of the global community as possible. It still matters to me how these kids turn out."

Asked about those who might not want to vote for the bond, because it would cost them money out of their pocketbook, Blau said "You can't afford to be selfish, even if (you) don't

have children in school. What kind of legacy is going to be left behind?"

Blau, who is in her 30s, said it would be comforting to know that capable people are "running the planet" when she's 80 years old.

Not everyone agrees: "I don't want to pay," Tony Tamburelli said. "I don't have children, but I always pay taxes for everybody else's."

Farmington Hills resident Bill Champion, who has two grown children, wasn't excited about another tax increase. But he'll probably vote in favor of the bond issue anyway.

"I guess I've always taken the approach that somebody paid expenses for my children to go to school," Champion said. "So it's my obligation to pay for somebody else's."

Another senior citizen without children, Ray Okonski of Farmington Hills, will oppose the bond issue. "Not because I'm a cheap guy. I just don't think this has been well thought out."

Okonski's major criticism is the fiber optic system which, he said, ignores new technology on the horizon that would allow the same job to be done over a single telephone cable. "I never complained about paying taxes, I just don't want them wasted."

Coffee talks target final bond questions

By Tim Smith

Residents in the Farmington Public School District have been blitzed in every which way possible about Tuesday's \$93.1 million bond issue.

Parents at the Fairview Early Childhood Center who still want some answers had the chance Friday morning to discuss the bond plan with Principal Mary Lou Somerville over a cup of coffee.

Only a handful of parents showed up at the session, organized by Fairview PTG co-chairs Debra Atkinson and Mary Shvinsky. Another is scheduled for 12:45 p.m. tomorrow. Yet, the small gathering was able to discuss the proposed improvements to Fairview - which serves preschool and kindergarten children - as well as to the six elementary schools that are fed by the Oak Crest Drive center.

They delved into plans (included in the \$85 million Proposal 1), to renovate Fairview's multi-purpose room, enabling the Science Discovery program to be relocated there from a smaller classroom.

After the meeting, Somerville said the improved Discovery station would provide space for more children to simultaneously participate in hands-on activities designed to help them explore the

world of science "and draw conclusions from what they see."

Putting in air conditioning, as well as better ventilation and heating, will benefit students by giving them a more comfortable learning environment, particularly in the warmer months.

"We're talking about longer instructional years," Somerville said to the parents. "This is climate control. It is not frivolous."

The group chatted about bond issue improvements to the schools children will attend after Fairview. Those buildings are Forest, Hillside, Kenbrook, Wood Creek and Wooddale.

"Where your kids are headed, the money needs to be there," Somerville said.

Coming to most of those schools are expanded facilities for art and music classes, served by portables and "art on a cart" in some cases.

"Some people think art and music are extras, luxuries," she said. "We are committed here (in the district) that these are part of the core curriculum. When you have art on a cart, you're not as effective as you could be."

Parent Joann Brown observed that the subject of music should not be taken lightly. "There is a correlation between the ability to play music and (succeed in) math."

ON THE AGENDA

Farmington Hills Council City Hall
7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15

Agenda items include:
■ Presentation by Mandi Skeegan of the YMCA, on Healthy Oakland, Healthy People Program.

■ Proclamation for Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program, sponsored by the Veterans

of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary.

■ Consider amending city codes on definitions of major and secondary thoroughfares; exterior lighting; free standing signs.

■ Consider final preliminary plan for Gil Estates Site Condominium Plan #1.

■ Consider scheduling area neighborhood meetings.

■ Approve \$20,000 reimbursement from Farmington Hills Foundation for Children, Youth and Families for Summer Youth Programming.

Farmington City Council
23000 Liberty Street
8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15

Agenda items include:
■ Presentation on Sept. 16

bond election.

■ Update on Farmington Beautification Commission by Jackie Saito, chairperson.

■ Quarterly report on Farmington DDA by Judy Downey, director.

■ Consider payment for underground storage tank removal project.

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Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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