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"Because we are family-run and smaller, we take really good care of our people and our people take real good care of our cus-tomers, Conlin said.

At Thursday's planning com-mission meeting, members approved a 4,738-square-foot building at the current site for O'Sheehans, Under the plan, the

existing structure would be torn down and a new facility built.

Last week, O'Shechans' owner Larry Shechan confirmed Applebee's plans, but said he hadn't been made an offer by the restaurant chain.

They would be purchasing the rights to our lease and (liquor) license; they wouldn't be buying our business. We'd just close, Shechan said.

They probably want all they ducks in a row before they negotiate with us.

Athena dinner honors Ural May 21

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will present its 1998 Athena Award to Nurten Urul, president of Ural Interiors in Farmington thills Chamber of Commerce will present its 1998 Athena Award to Nurten Ural, president of Ural Interiors in Farmington Hills.

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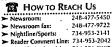
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Alternative education is usually an option for students having trouble in high school.

"The problem is at age 16, it's almost too late," said Dianne Duthie, Farmington schools alternative education director. "We don't begin early enough."

Duthie is one of several southwestern Oakland County school district representatives who attended a recent informational meeting about the first alternative middle school in their area. Southwest Technical Middle School is set to open in August for the 1983-99 school year.

The program is open to students ages 11 to 14, in grades seven and eight, from the Clarenceville, Farmington, Huron Valley, Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield school districts. Qualifying students ages the seven fail to respond to intervention, display multiple behavior problems, have a history of school failure, have a pattern of high absentesism or are pregnant or a parent. The program is not for special education students.

Each district would have the obility to place 10 students in



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Officials eye alternative middle school

the program which will be housed in the 14,000-square-foot Textron office building next to the Walled Lake Educational Services complex on Ladd Road in Walled Lake. Oakland Schools is leasing the facility. School officials, parents and students would have to agree on the placement and after one year, each child would be evaluated to determine if they are prepared to return to their home schools.

"The carlier that we catch them, the better chance we have to fix them," Duthie said.

The off-site program is designed to reduce disruptions in the home schools while providing smaller, individualized classes with a ten to one teacher ratio.

The main goal, Duthie said, is to improve self esteem.
"If you can impreve the self esteem of a student ... you can see an abrut change in not only accomise, but in every area of their lives." Duthie said.

The curriculum will focus on the use of technologies and hands-on instruction. It will also include health and fitness, strong parent involvement, high

school and staff mentors, and flexible use of time. Walled Lake schools already Walled Lake schools already mas alienadaive programs at both middle schools. Up to eight students can participate in Project C.A.R.E. at Walled Lake Middle School and Options, a half day program focusing on math, reading, behavior and responsibility is available at Clifford H. Smart Middle School.

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"The kids have already been through numerous other interventions," asid Janelle McGuire, principal at Smart. "Wo're willing' to adapt to what's good for the students."

"Right now academics is the least important thing to these kids," and Allen Arrher, Options instructor. "We try to get them to buy into the school. The girling I try to tell them is doesn't if cell better to be successful."

But two more middle schools are opening in the Walled Lake district this fall and the six romaining districts do not have alternative middle school programs, who kids that need the

They're the kids that need the one-on-one," said Kris Miner, a counselor at Farmington's East Middle School. They need their education to come in a different

way."
Formington, Huron Valley and
West Bloomfield schools have
alternative high school pro-

level.
"I think the need has been there here," however, Miner said, "to ut a program in for one district

is very expensive."
"I think there's always some kids, that no matter what you do, the regular school setting is not right for them," said Kim Szalay, social worker at Muir Middle School in the Huron Val-

Middle School in the future val-ley district.

Brian Kaplan, assistant princi-pal at Abbott Middle School in the West Bloomfield district, likes the plan to provide off-site education with on-site opportu-nities in sports.

"The kids are feeling over-whelmed and I think the par-ents, in some situations, are feel-ing frustrated," Kaplan said of the current situation. They got to keep their hands in their home school and get their educa-tion somewhere else."

The goal of the program is tory to reintegrate students into their home school environment by the time they reach high

their home school environment by the time they reach high school. District officials, who would pay for participation through state per pupil funding, are being encouraged to select stu-dents for participation by mid-June.



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