Atmosphere: The floors at Harrison High School are bare concrete.

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"But they haven't been able to identify a scalant that (won't) interfere when they put the adhesive for floor tile down," Horn con-tinued. Meanwhile, custodial crews are now using a wet scrubbor on the cement floors every night, a cleaning system that will pre-vent dirt and dust from being kiel d up into the air.

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Harrison teacher Laura Sparrow described ongoing construction as being "harder to live with than we thought it would be, but we're off to a good start anyway. Somehow, the atmosphere is good. The staff's happy together, and the kids seem pretty pleased to be back."

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Sparrow added that students are "coping surprisingly well" with the construction.

According to Horn, people "look at this like a camping expedition. Roughing it a bit. But they're looking forward to the end."

In the 2000-2001 school year, when block scheduling begins, students will hopefully lave a fully renovated and expanded building to attend. Features will include a new science wing and media center (to be done this winter), as well as a system, similar to hospitals, where stairwells and wings of the school are matched via color codes.

During this school year, sections of classrooms will be completed, with new paint, ceiling tifes and carpet. But, said Horn, the public corridors will be the last areas completed.

Despite conditions, Horn said the start of the year has been good, with fewer student discipline problems than the recent past.

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"We've done very well," Horn said. "We've probably had fewer problems with kids this far into the school year than we've had in the years I've been principal."

Horn said the faculty has also been understanding of the difficult situation, one faced by every teacher in the building.

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"If this were the only hall in disrepair," said Horn, pointing down a corridor near the front office, "and the rest of the building were perfect, these people (teachers) would probably be all over us." Instead, he explained, everybody is making the best of the situation.

Nuisance dust

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Complaints from parents about air quality
were addressed by the school, which hired
West Bloomfield-based industrial hygienis
Phillip Schaeffer to conduct tests. The testing, of air samples at 11 locations, indicated
that the air is clean enough to breathe.
"It would be a nuisance dust, nothing else,"
said Don Cowan, an independent construction consultant for the district.

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According to health regulations for offices and schools, dust cannot exceed 50 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/M3). Cowan said levels at 10 of the tested locations ranged between 12-32 ug/M3 with only one area, near the third floor main office, was near the limit, at 47 ug/M3.

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"That was because that is the place with the most cement," Cowan said.

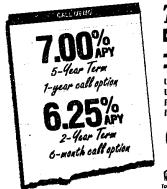
Another lingering issue is the slow instal-lation of new lockers at Farmington and North high schools and East Middle School.

Cowan said lockers are two-thirds completed at FHS and "just about done" at North. At East, the lockers should be installed by the

"People are getting a little feisty about it,"
Cowan said. "You can't blams them."

Students, in the meantime, are carrying bookhags and backpacks to and from classes.

The problem stems from delays in the delivery of lockers, in turn pushing back the issuance of combinations and lockers to stu-



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